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Exit Slip: Reef Reflections Answer Key

Sample Reflection:

I learned that coral reefs are home to thousands of marine species and protect coastlines from storms. They are threatened by pollution, rising temperatures, and harmful fishing practices. This matters because reefs support ecosystems and human communities, so protecting them helps both nature and people. Taking action to reduce threats can make a difference for the future of the oceans.

Teacher Notes:

- Reflections will vary; the key is that students mention both **what they learned** (main idea or key detail) and **why it matters** (personal, community, or global impact).
- Encourage students to go beyond "It matters because it's important" by explaining *why* it is important.
- For advanced practice, ask students to suggest **one action step** people can take to address the issue.