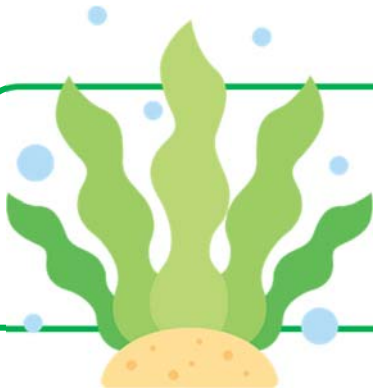


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## Reef Reactions

**Directions:** Read the description below about threats to the Great Barrier Reef. Then identify the cause and effect for each numbered item.

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the most famous natural wonders in Oceania, but it faces several serious threats. Rising ocean temperatures can stress coral and lead to coral bleaching, which weakens and sometimes kills large sections of the reef. Pollution from coastal areas, such as chemicals and plastic waste, can enter the water and harm fish, coral, and other marine life. Too much sediment from land can block sunlight that coral needs to survive. In addition, overfishing removes important species that help keep the reef ecosystem balanced. These threats affect not only the reef's health but also the communities that depend on it for tourism, fishing, and cultural traditions.

1. (Rising ocean temperatures affect coral.)

**Effect:**

**Cause:**

4. (Overfishing in reef areas.)

**Cause:**

**Effect:**

2. (Pollution from land enters reef waters.)

**Effect:**

**Cause:**

5. (The reef is damaged or weakened.)

**Cause:**

**Effect:**

3. (Too much sediment in the water.)

**Effect:**

**Cause:**