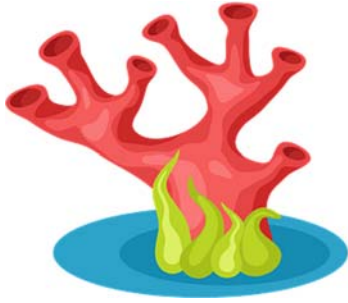


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## Timed Ocean Terms

**Directions:** Read the **academic passage** below for **one minute**. When time is up, mark the **last word** you read. Record your **Words Per Minute (WPM)**. As you reread the full passage, **highlight or underline any unfamiliar or challenging words**. After reading, work with a partner or small group to **discuss the meaning** of the words you marked, using **context clues** or a **dictionary** to confirm your understanding.

### “The Power of Coral Reefs”

Coral reefs are among the most biodiverse ecosystems on the planet, often referred to as the “rainforests of the sea.” They provide habitats for thousands of marine species, offering food, protection, and breeding grounds. Despite their beauty, reefs are also incredibly fragile. Rising sea temperatures, caused by climate change, can trigger a process called coral bleaching, where corals lose their vibrant colors and vital algae.

Scientists are now studying ways to restore damaged reefs through coral transplantation, a process where healthy coral fragments are carefully attached to dying reef structures. This method requires precision, patience, and a deep understanding of marine ecology. Conservationists hope that by increasing public awareness and promoting sustainable practices, these underwater wonders can continue to thrive for future generations.

First Read WPM: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Read WPM: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List **3-5 words** you found challenging or new:

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2. Use **2 of those words** in original sentences:

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3. How did using context clues help you figure out meanings?

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