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Darla and the Coral Reef 5

Darla Jackson was in fifth grade. She had been given a tough assignment in her science class. Darla had to select an animal habitat, or home, and write a report about why it was slowly disappearing. In class, she would share with her friends what she learned about this endangered location. Darla would end her report by recommending what could be done to save the habitat from destruction.

Darla decided to research the rainforest. However, after school, she watched a program about an underwater habitat: the coral reef. The vivid colors, spectacular shapes, and over 4,000 different species of sea animals astounded her. Darla listened as the narrator reported that there were 20 different kinds of coral, each made from the skeletons of tiny animals. She also learned that coral was easily destroyed, and could take years and years to grow back. Darla decided to learn more about the coral reef and its inhabitants by searching the internet.

While doing more research, Darla discovered that coral reefs were being destroyed all over the world. Pollution is one threat to the coral reef. Many chemicals from factories and households find their way into the ocean, destroying the reefs. In addition, divers who swim without a guide touch the coral, causing damage to the reef. Also, heavy tourism and the construction of hotels and restaurants near the coral reefs can cause damage to this natural habitat. Darla felt she *had* to help save the coral reefs and the animals that lived there.

After completing her report, Darla told her teacher, "I believe that I can make a difference! The coral reef is the greatest habitat, and should be saved!" Darla spoke to reporters for her local newspaper and TV news station, and encouraged them to spread the news.



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