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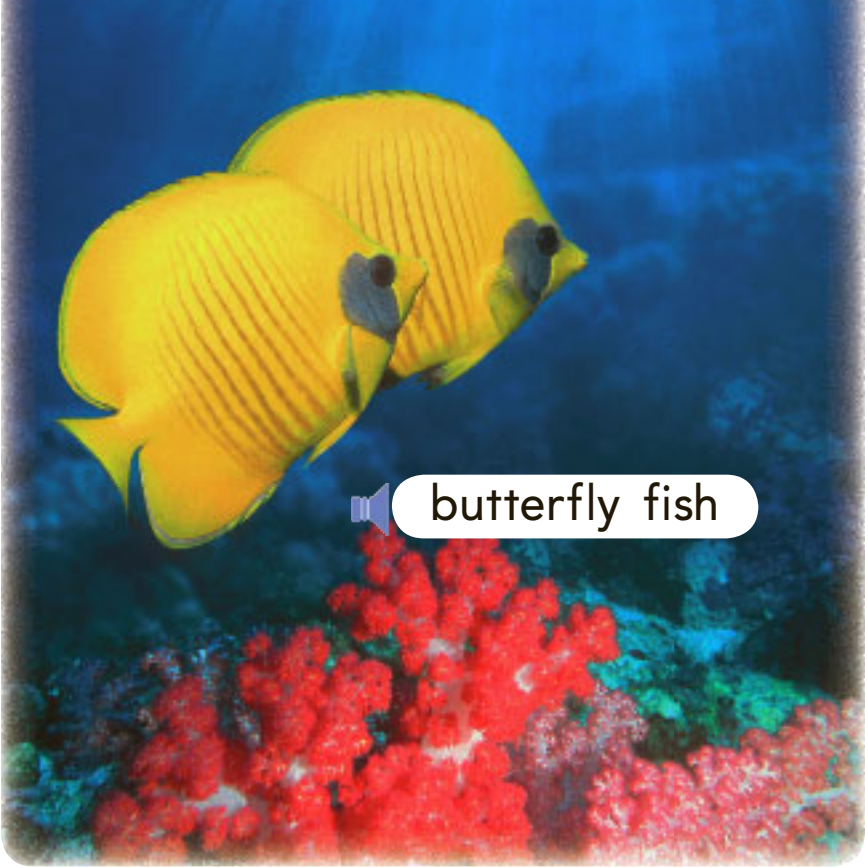
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🔊 butterfly fish

- 🔊 Many plants and animals **live** in the ocean.
- 🔊 Some plants live in coral reefs. Many animals live in coral reefs, too.



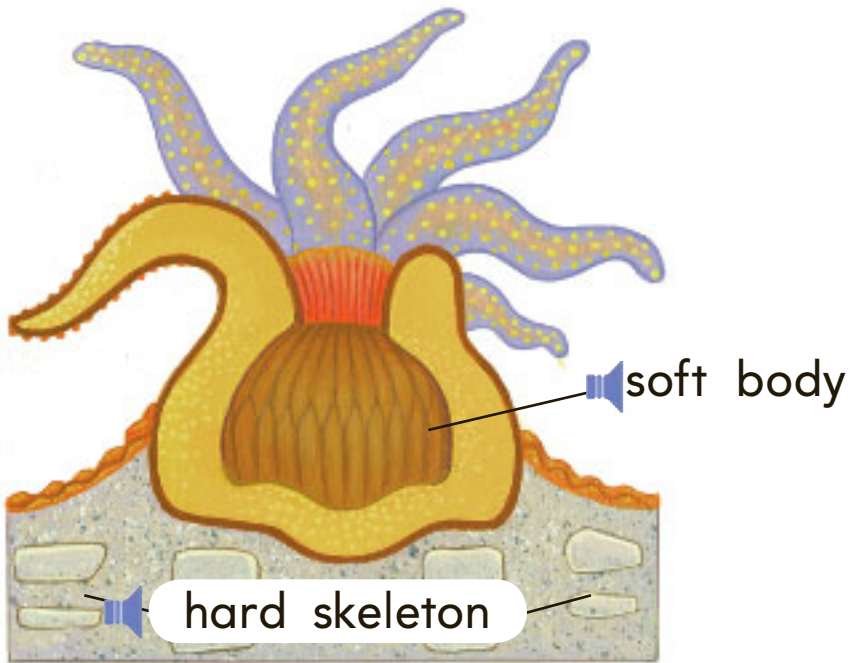
coral reef

🔊 The **water** is not deep in coral reefs. The water is shallow.

🔊 The water is not **cold** in coral reefs. The water is warm.

It is easy for plants and animals to find food in coral reefs.





- ▶ Coral is not a plant.
Coral is many small animals.
They all live together.
- ▶ Each animal has a soft body on the inside. Each animal has a hard body on the outside.
The hard body is the skeleton.

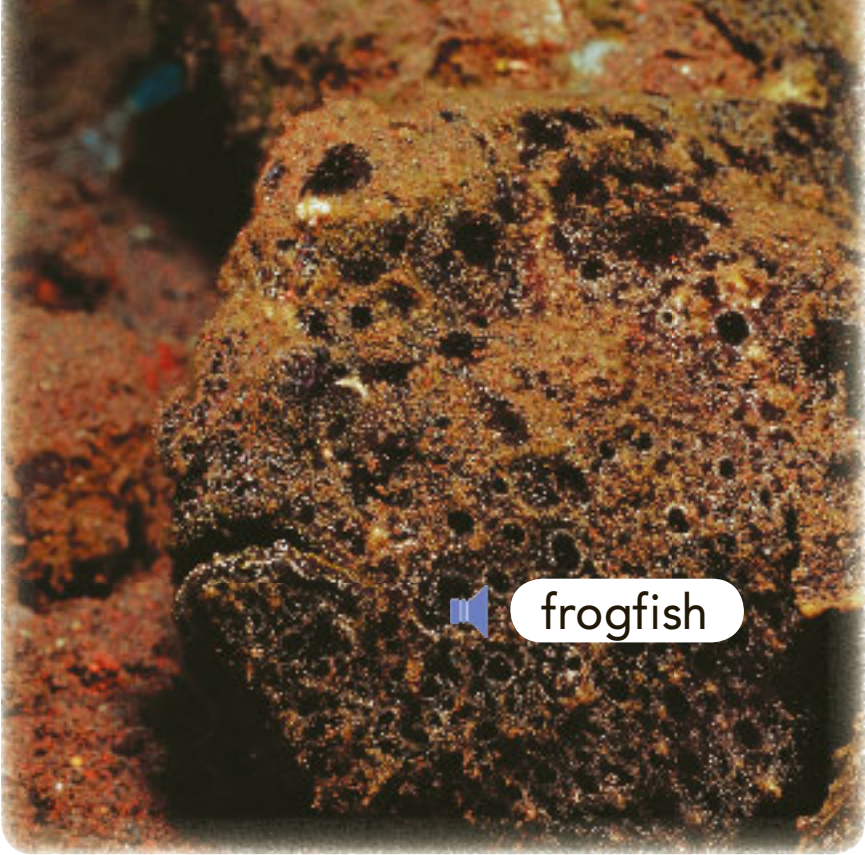


clownfish

- ▶ The fish in coral reefs have many colors.
 - ▶ These fish like warm and shallow water.
- These fish can hide from danger in the coral.



- ▶ Many fish in coral reefs have funny names!
- ▶ There are yellow butterfly fish. But yellow butterfly fish do not fly. There are lionfish. But lionfish do not roar.



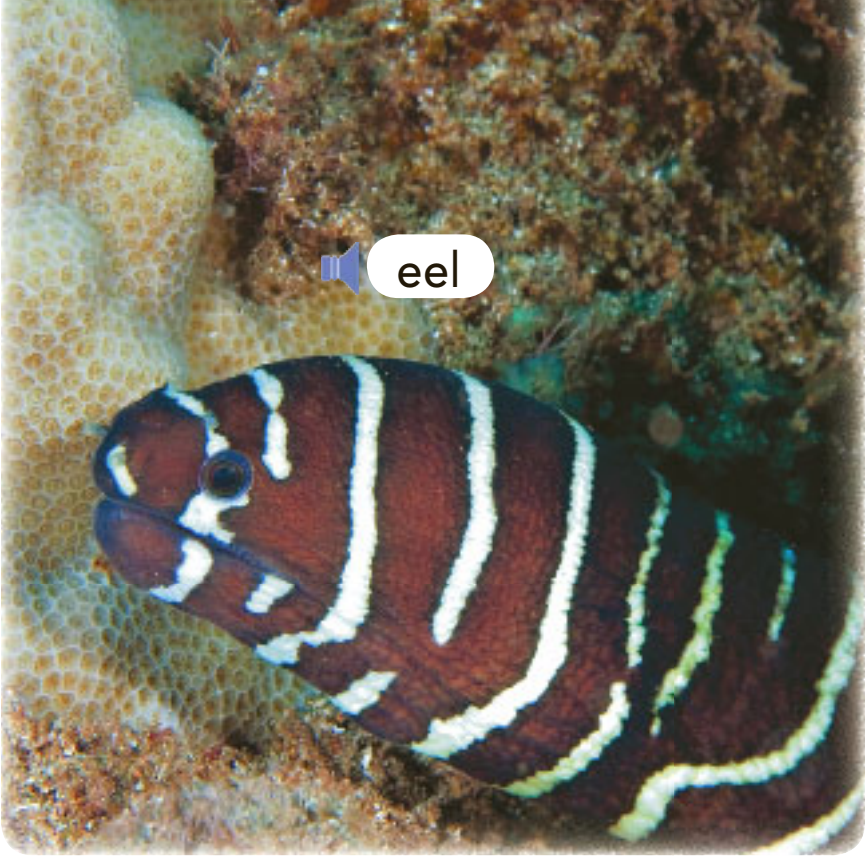
Some fish hide.

These fish want to be safe.

Some fish change **their** color.

Frogfish hide in coral reefs.

A frogfish's color makes it hard to see.



- ▶ Other animals live in coral reefs, too.
- ▶ Eels sleep in coral reefs in the day.
Eels come out at night to get food.

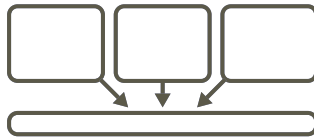


- ▶ Many coral reefs are dying.
We have to work hard to keep coral reefs safe.
- ▶ We need to save coral reefs now, so we will have coral reefs for a long time.

Responding

TARGET SKILL Author's Purpose

Why did the author write this book? What are three details that tell you this? Make a chart.



Write About It

Text to Text Think of a different story about the ocean. What did the story tell you about the plants and animals that live in the ocean? Write two sentences with facts you learned.



WORDS TO KNOW

many

cold

warm

live

their

water



TARGET SKILL

Author's Purpose

Tell why an author writes a book.



TARGET STRATEGY

Analyze/Evaluate

Tell how you feel about the text,
and why.



GENRE

Informational Text gives
facts about a topic.

Level: G

DRA: 12

Genre:
Informational Text

Strategy:
Analyze/Evaluate

Skill:
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