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Directions. Share this test item with your parent. Read the passage and answer the related question. Ask your parent to sign the paper to show that you worked together on this test item.

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A student is writing a research report about the Great Barrier Reef. Read both sources and the directions that follow.

Source 1: An official government pamphlet about the Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is made up of large, hard coral reefs that create a visible barrier. It is located between the coast of northern Australia and the Pacific Ocean. There are more types of coral in the Great Barrier Reef than anywhere else in the world. The reef is so big that it can be seen from satellites in outer space. It has become one of Australia's greatest tourist attractions. Visitors to the Great Barrier Reef spend about five billion dollars and create about 60,000 employment opportunities.

Source 2: A report by a marine biologist

Located off of the continent of Australia, the Great Barrier Reef connects to the Pacific Ocean. It is an area known as the Indo-Pacific Ocean. Approximately 1250 miles long, the Great Barrier Reef is made of different species of coral. The wide variety and colors of fish and coral make it a favorite destination for visitors. Although coral can be found off the shores of many Caribbean islands, the coral in the Great Barrier Reef is stronger than other types of coral because it can heal itself when damaged by boats. Yet the Australian government has still created rules about swimming and fishing in the area to protect the coral.

The student took notes about information in the sources. Select **two** notes that correctly paraphrase, or restate, information from both sources.

- When boats damage Australia's Great Barrier Reef, it hurts the tourism industry.
- The Great Barrier Reef is home to many colorful fish and the greatest variety of coral.
- The astonishing size of the Great Barrier Reef makes it preferable to the Caribbean shores.
- There are types of fish and coral living in the Great Barrier Reef that cannot be found anywhere else.
- Australia benefits from tourists' desire to explore the unique and hearty coral found in the Great Barrier Reef.
- By creating swimming and fishing limitations in the Great Barrier Reef, the government is protecting many jobs.

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