Sculptures under the sea

Tourist diving or snorkeling off the beautiful Yucatan Peninsula near Cancun, Mexico might not believe their eyes. That’s because there are amazing sculptures of men, women and children up to 8 meters below the waves.

Sea creatures will soon share the bottom of Mexico’s Caribbean Sea with the world’s largest underwater sculpture park! Eventually, there will be 400 life-size sculptures including people holding hands in a circle, cyclists, office workers and pets. The sculptor, Jason De Caries Taylor, casts his statues from local people, so divers might even see someone they recognize.

Jason hopes that his sculptures will encourage people to think about the environment. Pollution and hundreds of thousands of visitors per year are damaging Mexico’s coral reefs. Jason wants people to swim to the underwater sculpture park instead of the damaged reefs. He creates the statues from cement that attracts sea creatures and encourages coral to grow on them.

So if you ever visit Cancun, why not put on your flippers, snorkel, and swim out to this amazing park? In time, you probably won’t be able to see the sculptures, but you will see the stunning new coral reef!
Visitors to the underwater sculpture park will be able to see
A. Ancient treasures
B. Sculptures of people and animals
C. Sculptures of fish and wildlife
D. Divers making sculptures

Local people visiting the park may see
A. Statues of themselves
B. A statue of Jason
C. Jason at work
D. Statue of famous people

In the future, it will be more difficult to see the sculptures because
A. They will become old and dirty
B. A new coral reef will cover them
C. The artist will move them somewhere else
D. The area will be polluted.

Jason wants the park to
A. Attract more divers to Mexico’s coral reefs
B. Help protect Mexico’s coral reefs
C. Attract more tourists to Mexico
D. Keep sea creatures away from reefs

Complete the sentences with the words from the text
1. Jason De Caires Taylor is a fantastic artist – he makes beautiful _______ out of cement.
2. When snorkeling, you need to put _______ on your feet to help you swim.
3. Jason uses _______ as models for his statues.
4. It’s very easy to _______ coral reefs if you touch them.
5. Jason hopes the park will _______ lots of visitors.
6. There are thousands of colorful, exotic _______ in the Caribbean Sea.
7. Over time, coral will _______ on the sculptures.
8. _______ from factories and cars causes a lot of damage to the ________.

Grammar: might – may – could – will probably – will definitely

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I might go to Chile for my summer holidays this year. (It is just possible, slight possibility)
The park could help to protect coral reefs (it’s possible)
We will probably go snorkeling tomorrow (there is a very good chance)
I will definitely be back home by Thursday (it’s certain)

Rewrite the sentences
There is a good chance that will rain tomorrow. It will probably rain tomorrow.
1. It’s possible that underwater park will attract 1 million visitors per year. (could)
2. It’s possible that we will go snorkeling this afternoon (may)
3. It’s just possible that we will swim to the park today. (might)
4. It’s certain that we’ll go to Cancun next weekend.(definitely)

Find the opposites in the text
Discourage - ___________
Ugly - ___________
Repels - ___________
Top - ___________
Above - ___________
Far from - ___________
Protecting - ___________
Smallest - ___________
Take off - ___________

Choose the right answer

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