



Sculpture & Photo: Jason de Caires Taylor

## 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 Caires 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!

Underwater

Coral

Scuba

Sea

Life-size

Sculptures

Creatures

Park

Reef

Diver



Beautiful –

чудесный

Near- рядом

Amazing-

удивительный

Below-под,ниже

Share the bottom –

делить дно

Including-включая

Local people-

местные жители

Recognize -

узнавать

Encourage –

воодушевлять

Environment-

окружающая среда

Pollution –

загрязнение

Damage-

разрушать

Instead- вместо

Create- создавать

Grow - расти

Attract –

привлекать

Put on – надевать

Stunning –

сногшибательный

Choose the right answer

**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

**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

**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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Find the opposites in the text

Discourage - \_\_\_\_\_

Ugly- \_\_\_\_\_

Repels \_\_\_\_\_

Top- \_\_\_\_\_

Above- \_\_\_\_\_

Far from- \_\_\_\_\_

Protecting- \_\_\_\_\_

Smallest- \_\_\_\_\_

Take off- \_\_\_\_\_

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

We **may** visit the underwater park when we go to Cancun. (it's possible, perhaps)

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)