

# Gray's Reef NMS Live Exploration: Middle/High Vocabulary

## Nouns

**Acidification:** high level of acidity (acid) in oceans or bodies of water that can affect growth in some marine species

**Camouflage:** an animal's natural coloring or form that enables it to blend in with its surroundings

**Commensalism:** a type of symbiotic relationship where one species benefits and the other species is neutral

**Crustacean:** a type of animal (such as a crab or lobster) that has several pairs of legs and a body made up of sections that are covered in a hard outer shell

**Ecosystem:** everything that exists in a particular environment, including living and non-living things

**Exoskeleton:** a hard external covering for the body in some animals, providing protection and support

**Invertebrate:** animals who do not possess nor develop a spine or backbone

**Migration:** when an organism moves from one location to another usually on a seasonal basis

**Mutualism:** a type of symbiotic relationship where both species benefit

**Plankton:** tiny living things that float and drift in the world's oceans and other bodies of water

**Predator:** an animal that lives by killing and eating other animals

**Prey:** an animal hunted or taken for food, especially by a meat-eating animal

**School:** a large group of fish that is swimming together

**Substrate:** the base or foundation on which an organism lives



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## Adjectives

**Endangered:** a type of animal or plant that could die out completely because there are not many left

**Diverse:** different from each other

**Symbiotic:** a relationship between two organisms where they both benefit from one another

**Transmitting:** to send information in the form of electrical signals to a device

