

Where are coral reefs located?



They don't like water that is below 18°C.	Polyps prefer waters between 23°C and 29°C, but up to 40°C for short periods.	Very salty water (32 to 42 parts per thousand).
Clear, shallow water so they can get energy from sunlight.	Normally, not muddy or turbid water as this can smother the reef.	Generally confined to tropical and semitropical waters.
Most coral reefs are located near the shore.	Mostly found between the 30° north and south latitudes.	