Coral Reefs, the Human View

PART A: Introduction to Coral Reefs

1: How do species interact on a coral reef? Describe and give examples of at least two different relationships found there and explain which organism(s) benefits or is harmed by these relationships.

2: Can you think of any human relationships with coral reefs? Would you classify any of these relationships as symbiotic? Explain.
PART B: A Closer Look at Coral

3: Describe the biodiversity you observed on the reef: How many different shapes and colors of coral were you able to identify on each reef? How many different types and sizes of fish? How many other animals? How do you think these numbers compare to the actual number of species that make up/inhabit the reef? Explain.

4: How might you go about determining exactly how many species live on a reef and what their ideal living conditions and relationships are? Explain.