

MAINSTREAM English Communication I

Second Edition

Chapter 4 I Am a "Coral Man."

■Oral Introduction

The man in this story devoted himself to something he believed in very strongly. He made an outstanding effort to save the natural beauty of the sea of Okinawa, with its precious coral and marine life. One day, when he was enjoying deep-sea diving in the Okinawan sea he was shocked to see that the coral reef had suddenly died. He had a deep love for the natural beauty of Okinawa. He felt human beings were destroying it. He decided to transplant coral. Other people laughed at his idea, and it was an extremely challenging task, but he felt it was his responsibility to take action. His passion gave him the determination to keep trying until he succeeded. What is your reaction to this?

■Warm up Listening

Akira: How was your trip to Okinawa?

Becky: It was wonderful. We enjoyed nice sunshine and the beautiful beaches.

Akira: Really? Sounds nice.

Becky: I also went scuba diving. There were lots of fish and coral with beautiful colors. But the instructor told me that much of the coral was dying. When it dies, it turns all white.

Akira: I have heard about that. Now some people are trying to plant coral, right?

Becky: Yes. We should all try to protect the coral.

Question: What did Becky do in Okinawa?

■Target Grammar

G10 The coral reef had died out.

G11 It made me cry.

G12 I saw numerous shining eggs rise.

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■Part 1 Oral Introduction

What do you know about the sea of Okinawa? Do you know that it is a beautiful sea with many wonderful coral reefs? What do you know about its coral reefs? Can you imagine that they are dying out? In fact, they really are in great danger of disappearing. Have you ever thought about trying to save anything in nature, like the coral reefs?

■New Words

coral

unusual

shine

dive

shock

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