Coral reef distribution 2

* recall the different types of reef structure (e.g. fringing, platform, ribbon, atolls, coral cays)
* recognise the zonation within a reef cross-section (e.g. reef slope, reef crest/rim, lagoon/back reef).

**Define:**

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| **Reef slope** |  |
| **Reef flat** |  |
| **Lagoon** |  |
| **Reef crest** |  |

**A fringing reef has which 3 main zones?**

Explain the difference between:

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| Atoll | Coral cays |
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How has sea level change affected the Great Barrier Reef formation?

**Coral cays**

Define the following terms:

**Barrier Reefs**

**Ribbon Reefs**

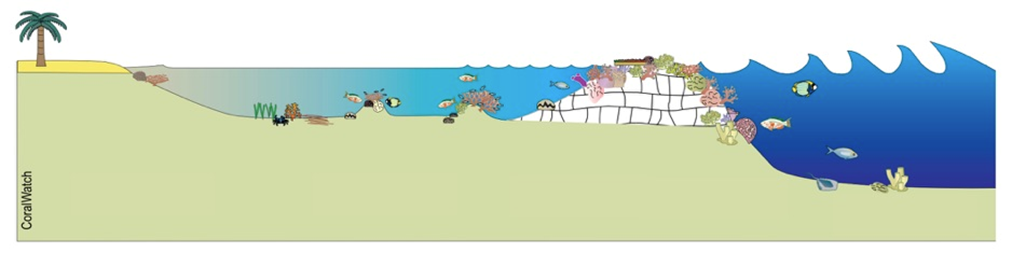
**Fringing Reefs**

**Platform Reefs**

How has plate tectonics helped us understand and model reef formation?

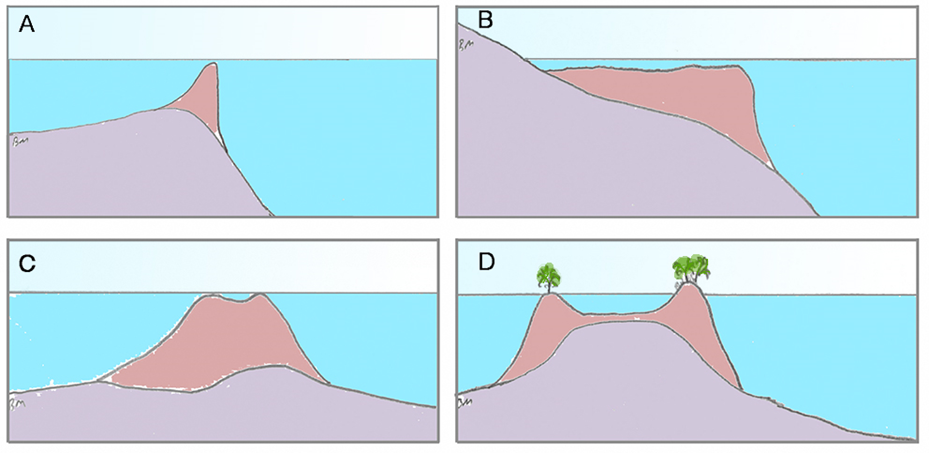
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| **Answer the following questions:** | |
| Which zone is the furthest from shore?  Which is the closest?  Which zone experiences the greatest wave action? | Which zone has the greatest diversity of corals?  Which zone contains the greatest diversity of organisms? |

**Label the zones on this reef section:**



**Atoll**

**Identify the following reef types. Give reasons**



**A:**

**B:**

**C:**

**D:**