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# CORAL REPRODUCTION

~~SPAWNING~~

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→ allows colonies to expand

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produces new colonies

SEXUAL

ASEXUAL

male sperm

female egg

- Corals can clone themselves

baby

- babies are exact copies of the parents

1/2 like mom

+  
1/2 like dad

Female coral release tiny, round eggs.

Male corals release sperm in a smoky cloud

(Conceptual diagram illustrating a coral polyp dividing by asexual budding to create a coral colony. The diagram shows a single polyp on the right, which divides into two polyps in the middle, and then into three polyps on the left. The polyps are depicted as star-shaped organisms with tentacles. The text is oriented vertically on the right side of the page.

