

Alpha Level3



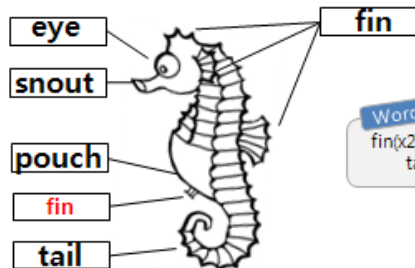
Seahorses



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Word Study

A Read and write.



Word Box

fin(x2), eye, pouch, tail, snout

1. A seahorse has fins like a **fish**.
2. A seahorse has a snout like a **pig**.
3. A seahorse has a tail like a **monkey**.
4. A seahorse has a pouch like a **kangaroo**.

A Use the clues to unscramble the words.

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Comprehension

C Read each statement. Check true or false.

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2. They swallow their food whole because they have no teeth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. A male seahorse lays his eggs into the female's pouch.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. It takes six weeks for the eggs hatch.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Seahorses use their fins to move.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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D Answer the questions.

1. How big can seahorses grow?
 - a) They can grow as long as a hand.
 - b) They can grow as long as a fingernail.
2. What do they do with their tail?
 - a) They catch and carry food with it.
 - b) They hold on to sea grass with it.
3. How do seahorses stay safe?
 - a) Some seahorses look like where they live.
 - b) They can grow as long as a fingernail.
4. What do seahorses eat?
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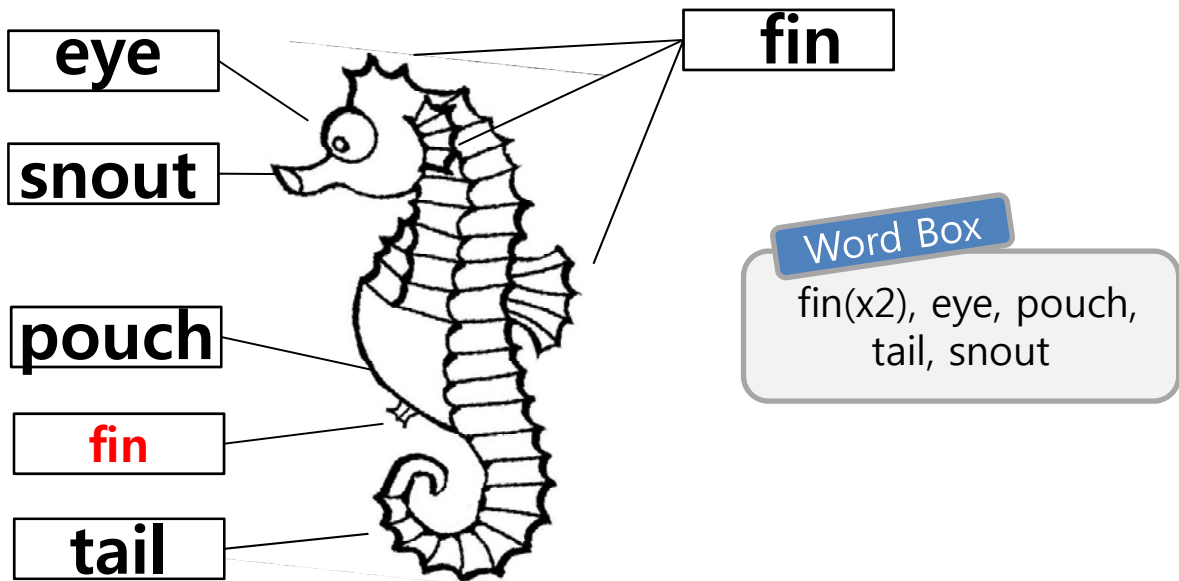
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The female seahorse **lays eggs** into the male's pouch.
Then they spend some time together everyday.
After 21 days, the male **gives birth** to the baby seahorses.
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