

Alpha Level3



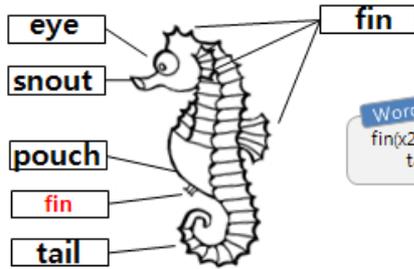
Seahorses



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Word Study

A Read and write.



Word Box

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

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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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<p>s h a l l o w showall</p> <p>not deep</p>	<p>p o l l u t e utoplle</p> <p>to make the air, water or soil dirty</p>
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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"/> |
| 6. They are endangered because of hunting and water pollution. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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.
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4. What do seahorses eat?
 - a) They eat sea grass.
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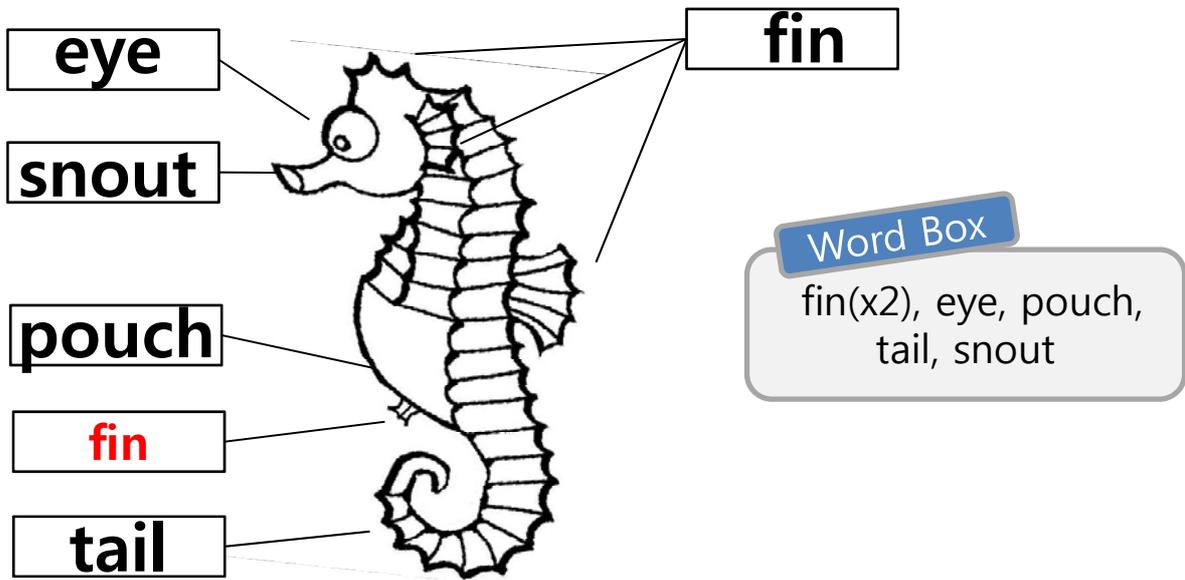
E Choose the right phrase and write.

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.
The baby seahorses **swim out of** the pouch.
But only about two of the baby seahorses will **grow up**

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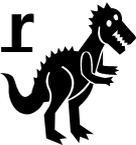
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