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## SEAHORSES

Did you know that a seahorse is a special kind of fish? Did you know it lives in the ocean?

The seahorse has a head that looks like a horse, but it is soft. The seahorse can be brown, gray, or tan. When a seahorse swims by bright plants or sea things, it changes colors. A seahorse does this to stay safe. It helps the seahorse to hide from other animals.

A seahorse has bony rings and a layer of skin that feels prickly. It has a long tail, and it uses its tail to hang on to plants and weeds.

A seahorse has a long nose that is called a snout. It sucks up animals that are swimming by.

The father seahorse has a pouch in the front of his body. It is like a big pocket. The mother seahorse puts eggs inside. The babies stay there until they hatch. Baby seahorses pop out and swim away.



### STORY QUESTIONS

**1.** What statement is **TRUE**?

- a. Seahorses live on farms.
- b. Seahorses live in lakes.
- c. Seahorses live on the sand.
- d. Seahorses live in the ocean.

**2.** In this passage, what does the word *prickly* mean?

- a. pointy
- b. shiny
- c. tiny
- d. soft

**3.** The author is writing this to . . .

- a. to tell you stories about a pet seahorse.
- b. to tell you things that are funny about seahorses.
- c. to make you want to buy a seahorse.
- d. to tell you facts about seahorses.