



UNIT #5 – WRITING SECTION

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WRITING

Information Report When you write an information report, include statistics and details. For example, if you are writing about an animal, include information about its habitat, food, and other characteristics, as well as expert opinions. You can also use words that describe size, shape, color, pattern, and origin.

1 Read. Read the report. Number the order in which you find the information on the list below (1-6).

_____ food

1 species

_____ an interesting fact

_____ habitat

_____ conclusion

_____ size and color

An Interesting Sea Creature

The delicate Denise pygmy seahorse is a species of fish that is found in Asia. Its natural habitat is in coral reefs deep under the sea. The reefs are anywhere from 13 to 90 meters under the surface. The seahorse uses camouflage to hide in the reefs. It also eats the soft coral in the reefs.

The Denise pygmy seahorse is light orange in color, with a long, thin, pointed tail and a strange head that looks like a horse. It grows to a total length of 16 millimeters (about 0.6 inches). According to the Australian biologist Rudie Kuiter, its small size helps it to escape from predators.

An interesting thing about the Denise pygmy seahorse is that males have the babies, not females. Males can carry from 10 to 1,000 babies during their lives. Scientists think that, even though the Denise pygmy seahorse is such a small and delicate creature, it has been able to survive because it uses camouflage to hide and lives so deep in the corals.



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