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The Strange and Beautiful SEAHORSE

Whoa, NeLLie!
The seahorse looks like it is made up of many different animals.

Unscramble each word to find out the odd parts of the tiny seahorse. Stuck on some? Keep reading this page and you will find the answers.

It has:

- The head and neck of a **Soreh**.
- The eyes of a **Lacheonme**.
- The pouch of a **noagrako**.
- The Tail of a **yonkem**.
- The armor of an **Liadamrol**.

Tough on The OUTSide
Seahorses look like they are wearing armor. Actually they have a shiny external skeleton made up of interlocking bony plates – like an armadillo!

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Seahorse Heads
The long snout of a seahorse gives the animal its horsey appearance. Unlike a horse, the seahorse mouth does not open and close or have any teeth. The seahorse uses its snout like a little vacuum cleaner, sucking up its favorite foods of brine shrimp, baby eels and other tiny sea creatures.

Wild Eyed
One seahorse eye can look up while the other looks down. One eye can look for food while the other is on the lookout for predators. Another kind of animal that has eyes that can move independently is the chameleon.

What a Dad!
In most animals, the female of the species carries the young. Not so with the strange little seahorse.

When the female is ready to lay her eggs, she wraps her tail around a male seahorse's neck. Then, she deposits her eggs into a special pouch on the male seahorse's abdomen. The eggs hatch and grow inside this little pouch and the male's mid-section gets very round and big. When the little seahorses are big enough, the pouch starts to contract and the baby seahorses are pushed into the wide watery world.

Picture This
Number the pictures in order to show how baby seahorses are born.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence information found in text.

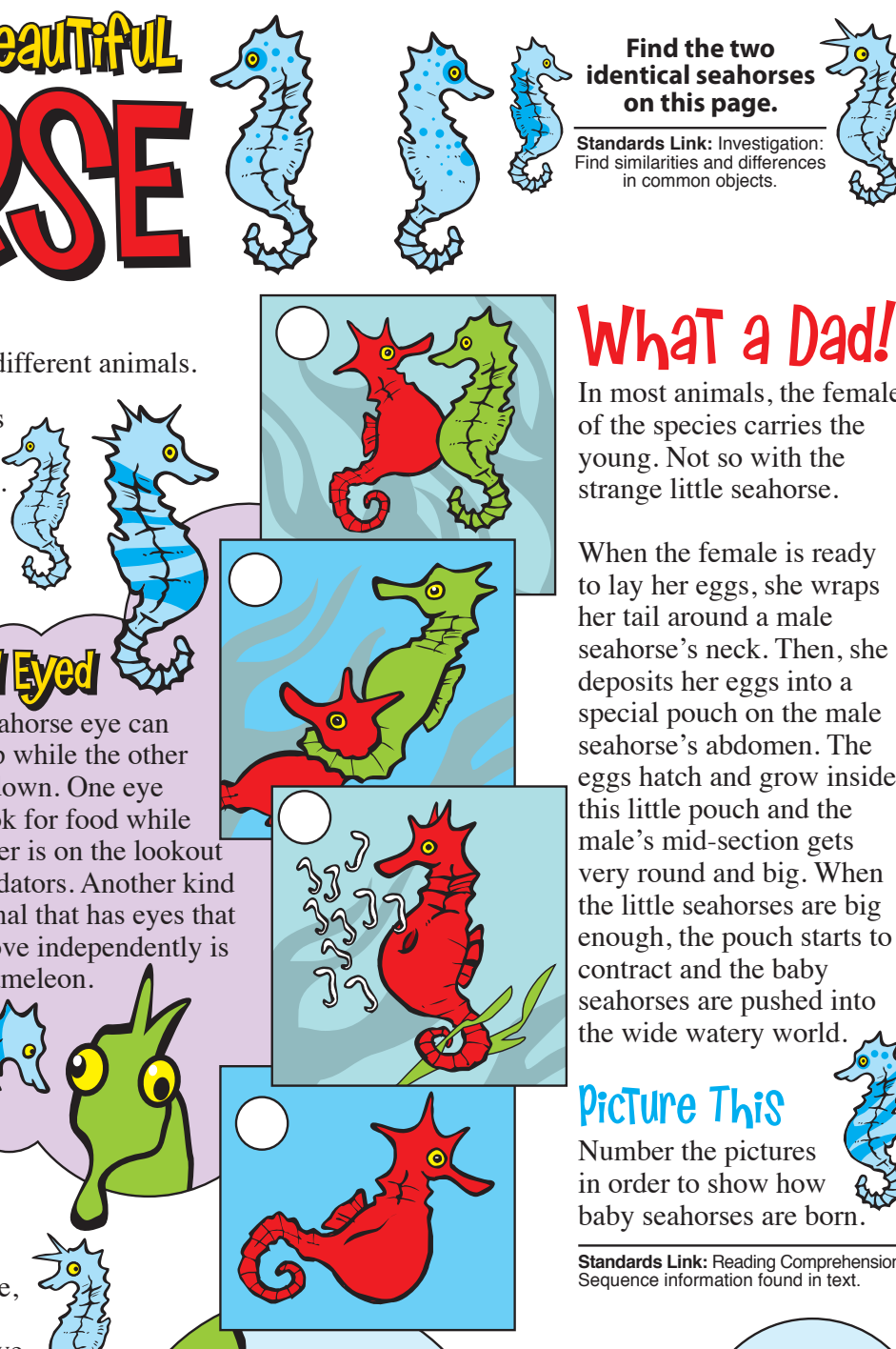
Tail Tale
A seahorse's tail is like a monkey tail. Scientists call these **prehensile** tails because they can grasp like a hand. The seahorse's tail helps it to hang onto sea plants while it waits for food to swim by. Seahorses also hang onto each other with their tails.

Extra! Extra!
CreAture Cut-Ups
You can create a new creature from parts of creatures pictured in today's newspaper. Cut out different parts of different people and animals. Use these to create a new creature. Give your creature a name. Invent stories about your creature.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

This relative of the seahorse is a master of camouflage – blending in with its environment. Use the code to discover its name.

Standards Link: Life Science: Adaptation in physical structure improves an organism's chance for survival.



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence information found in text.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

What kind of animal is a seahorse?

Take a guess, then color each box with an EVEN number BLUE and each with an ODD number RED to discover the answer. Did you guess correctly?

8	4	6	8	2	3	6	7	4	8	6	2	2	5	6	7	9	2
4	9	3	7	5	3	2	9	6	7	9	1	9	3	2	1	5	6
8	1	5	9	1	3	8	1	8	5	9	5	3	1	8	3	7	8
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	O	S	A	W	I	D	E	N	T
E	H	L	R	R	L	P	O	T	S
R	C	I	L	I	M	E	A	E	H
U	U	A	W	I	L	O	A	E	C
T	O	T	R	E	D	H	R	T	T
A	P	H	M	S	O	A	N	H	A
E	S	A	G	R	G	E	M	R	H
R	H	G	S	R	S	P	A	R	W
C	E	E	N	E	M	O	D	B	A

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Reorganized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Submarine Stories

Create a newspaper page describing a day in the life of submarine explorers. Include discovery news, views, ads, food and living conditions. Use your local newspaper for ideas.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief narratives that describe a setting and objects in detail.

Do fish ever go on summer vacaTION?

ANSWER: No, they always stay in schools.

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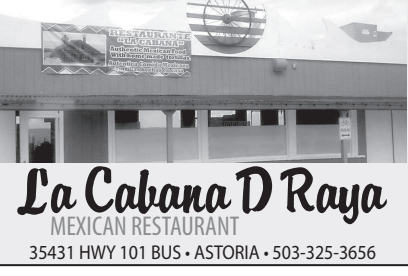
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