

Challenge 1

Read the first paragraph, which is about the feeding habits of seahorses. Can you spot the sentence that doesn't belong here?

Challenge 2

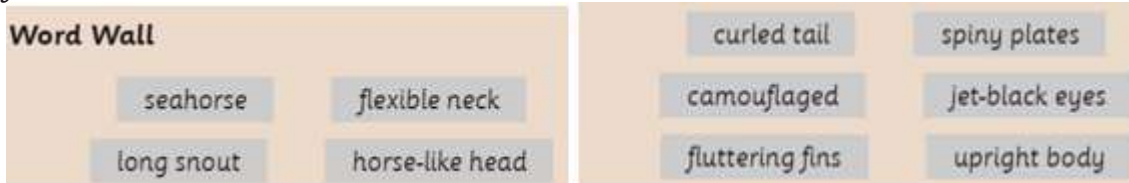
Read the second paragraph, which is about the unusual birth of seahorses. Can you spot the sentence that doesn't belong here?

Challenge 3

Using some of the descriptive words from the Word Wall, write a short paragraph that describes the appearance of a seahorse.

Seahorses use their long snouts like vacuum cleaners to suck up food. Because they do not have stomachs, they must eat constantly to stay alive. Seahorses face many threats in the wild. Their diet consists of tiny sea creatures called copepods.

Like all seahorses, pygmy seahorses give birth to live young. Unusually, it is the father, and not the mother, who gives birth to baby seahorses. Seahorses can change colour quickly to match their surroundings. The babies (known as fry) develop inside the father's brood pouch. Here, they receive everything they need to grow such as oxygen and food.



LO To begin to use paragraphs as a way to group related material

INDEPENDENT WORK

In each group of sentences, highlight the sentence that does not belong.

Seahorses live all over the world.
Seahorses live in oceans that aren't too deep or too shallow.
Scientists don't know very much about how long seahorses live.
Seahorses can be found living among seagrass and coral.
They can even be found living off the coast of the United Kingdom.

Seahorses have a horse-like head.
Seahorses have a long, curling tail.
Sadly, seahorses are eaten by humans in some parts of the world.
Their skin is stretched over bony armoured plates.
Seahorses can change their body colour and texture.
Seahorses have long snouts.

Seahorses are very slow-moving creatures.
Seahorses flutter their dorsal fin to move slowly forwards.
Seahorses use tiny fins to move from side to side.
Unlike kangaroos, baby seahorses do not return to their pouch.
Seahorses move up and down by changing the amount of air inside their swim bladder.
To stop being swept away, seahorses use their tail to anchor themselves down.

Challenge 2

Choose one group of sentences (or more if you have time) and form a paragraph from it. Think carefully about which order to put the sentences in. Remember to not include the sentence that does not belong. Try to avoid repeating words by using a range of nouns and pronouns.

Challenge 3

Give each of your paragraphs a heading. Think about what the topic of the paragraph is as this will help you decide on the heading. You might want to write your heading as a statement or as a question.