

All About Seahorses

Read the information about seahorses and answer the questions below. Seahorses are fascinating creatures that live in the ocean. They are known for their unique appearance and behavior. Here are some facts about seahorses:

Seahorses are fish, but they don't look like typical fish. They have a long snout, a small mouth, and a body that is covered in bony plates instead of scales. They also have a prehensile tail that they use to grip onto things in their environment.

Seahorses are found in shallow tropical and temperate waters around the world. They prefer to live in areas with lots of vegetation and shelter.

Seahorses are monogamous, which means they mate for life. They also have a unique courtship ritual where they dance together before mating.

Male seahorses are the ones that carry the eggs and give birth to the babies. They have a pouch on their belly where the female deposits the eggs. The male seahorse then fertilizes the eggs and carries them until they hatch.

There are about 40 different species of seahorses, and many of them are endangered due to habitat loss, overfishing, and the aquarium trade.

Questions:

- 1. What is unique about the appearance of seahorses?
- Where are seahorses found?
- **3.** What is unique about seahorse mating?
- 4. Which parent carries the eggs and gives birth to the babies?
- 5. Why are many species of seahorses endangered?