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74 seaweed to help them hide.
- 81 Seahorses are carnivores. They wait for tiny
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Questions



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2. Find and copy one word which shows that seahorses eat meat.



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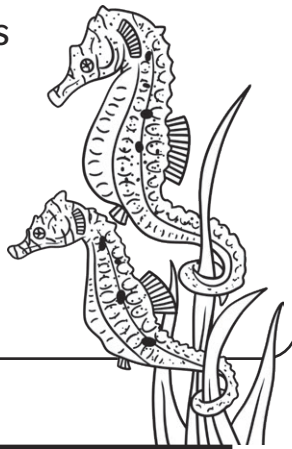
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Answers



1. What type of animal is a seahorse?

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that seahorses need camouflage to help them hide from predators and to catch their own food as they wait for it to swim past.