My Seahorse Fact File

Read the seahorse fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a seahorse

Seahorse facts

Size: _____

Babies: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. brood pouch ____	A. a pocket on a male seahorse's belly where eggs grow into babies
2. fry ____	B. colors or shapes that help an animal blend in with its surroundings
3. prehensile tail ____	C. an animal with a hard outer shell and jointed legs, such as a shrimp or crab
4. camouflage ____	D. baby fish, including baby seahorses
5. crustacean ____	E. a tail that can wrap around and hold on to things

The most amazing thing I learned about seahorses

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Answer Key

Seahorse Fact File

Seahorse facts

Scientific name:	Hippocampus (about 45–47 species)
Size:	Under 1 in to 12+ in (2–30+ cm)
Babies:	A few to about 1,000 per birth
Lifespan:	About 1–5 years
Diet:	Tiny shrimp-like crustaceans
Habitat:	Seagrass, mangroves, coral reefs
Where:	Shallow coasts, tropical & temperate
Status:	Varies; many species threatened

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–A, 2–D, 3–E, 4–B, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- Male seahorses carry the eggs and give birth to the babies.
- Each eye can move on its own, looking two ways at once.
- A seahorse has no teeth and no true stomach.