

Tiny Sea Horses

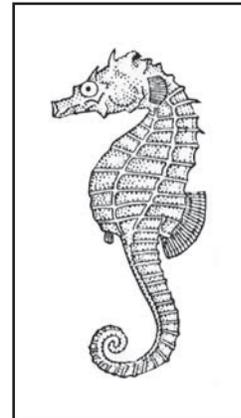
Name _____

Have you ever seen a sea horse? If not, you might think a sea horse is like a horse we ride. It is not. In fact, a sea horse is not a horse at all. It is really a small fish. It lives in the ocean.

Why is a sea horse called a horse if it is really a fish? It is because the sea horse has a long nose. Its long nose makes you think of a horse.

Sea horses are small. They do not get big. They have small eyes. They can't see very far. A sea horse's body has a hard cover of bones. It has a fin on its back. The fin helps the sea horse move.

A sea horse can't move very fast. That is because of the way it swims. If you see a sea horse, watch it swim. It looks like it is standing on its tail.



Answer the questions.

1. True or false? A sea horse is like a horse we ride. _____
2. True or false? A sea horse is a small horse. _____
3. A sea horse lives in the _____.
4. Why is a sea horse called a horse?
 - a. It has small eyes.
 - b. It has a fin on its back.
 - c. Its nose makes you think of a horse.
5. What size are sea horses?
 - a. big
 - b. small
 - c. I don't know.
6. What does a sea horse have on its back?
 - a. a fin
 - b. bones
 - c. a tail
7. How does a sea horse look when it swims? _____

Honest Abe

Name _____

A baby boy was born in 1809. His parents were Thomas and Nancy. They were farmers. They lived in a log cabin. No one knew that this baby would be famous one day. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

Abe helped on the farm. He helped in the garden. He chopped wood. He carried water for his mother. He was a good son. He didn't mind helping his parents. He didn't mind working hard.

Abe started school when he was six. Abe loved to learn. He walked two miles to school each day. After school he walked two miles home. His favorite part of the day was when he could write. He practiced writing every day.



There were times when Abe couldn't go to school. His family moved many times. But Abe didn't stop learning. He loved to read. Many nights he read his Bible by the fire. He borrowed books whenever he could. Once he walked 29 miles just to borrow a book to read!

He became interested in law as he grew up. He read all the books on law he could find. He sat in courtrooms. He listened to the lawyers try their cases. He learned by listening. In 1842, he set up a law office. He was now a lawyer.

Abe was a young boy born to farmers. He wasn't rich. He didn't live in a big house. Life was not easy for him or his family. He had to work hard all his life. This man became the 16th President of the United States.

Answer the questions.

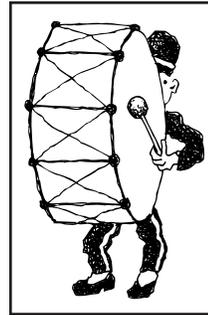
1. Abraham Lincoln was born in _____.
2. Name three ways Abe helped on the farm.

3. Of all the subjects Abe studied in school, his favorite was _____.
4. Many nights, Abe sat by the fire reading the _____.

March to the Beat

Name _____

Look at the people! They are standing or sitting on the sidewalk. They are wearing coats and mittens. Floats go by on the street. The people watch the floats. They watch bands march and play. Some people are walking on the street. They are dressed in costumes. There goes a fire truck and some horses. The people are laughing and clapping.



Answer the questions.

1. What's happening in this passage?
 - a. There's a fire.
 - b. There's a parade going by.
 - c. There's a rodeo going on.

2. Why are the people standing or sitting on the sidewalk?
 - a. They want to cross the street.
 - b. They are watching something they enjoy.
 - c. They don't know any better.

3. Why are the people wearing coats and mittens?
 - a. because the weather is chilly
 - b. because they are wearing uniforms
 - c. because the weather is hot

4. What does the word *bands* mean in this passage?
 - a. rubber strips to hold things
 - b. groups of people marching and playing music
 - c. strips of material on a costume

5. Do you think the people on the sidewalk are having fun? How do you know?

Just Alike

Name _____

Mindy and Cara went everywhere together. What Mindy liked, Cara liked. When you saw one of the girls, you saw the other. People would often say, "Those two girls are *like two peas in a pod*."

The science fair was coming. It was a big event for the school. The school decided to have a spaghetti supper to raise money before the fair. Mindy and Cara had a great idea for selling tickets. They went to the school office to talk to the principal. The secretary asked, "May I help you, girls?"



Right off the bat, both girls spoke. They laughed and Mindy said, "We need to see Mrs. Martin, please. We have a good idea for a way to sell tickets for the spaghetti supper."

"Well, you'll have to *cool your heels* until Mrs. Martin is through," said the secretary. The girls sat down to wait.

They waited for a while. Then Cara said, "It's getting late. Do you think we should go and come back tomorrow?"

Mindy replied, "Yes, but we want to *get our foot in the door*, so we need to be here early. Remember that *the early bird catches the worm*! We can see Mrs. Martin before school tomorrow."

Answer the questions.

1. What does it mean that Mindy and Cara were *like two peas in a pod*?
 - a. They were very much alike and were always together.
 - b. They were dressed in green.
 - c. They liked to eat peas.
2. Things that are *like two peas in a pod* are very much alike. Check all the things that are alike.

_____ a dog and an ostrich

_____ a baseball and a basketball

_____ a limb and a branch

_____ a cup and a mug

_____ a book and a tire

_____ a library and a grocery store

_____ a crayon and a marker

_____ a sink and a chair

3. What does *right off the bat* mean?
 - a. The right side of the bat is chipped.
 - b. right away; at the beginning
 - c. Someone is standing on the right side of the bat.

4. What did the secretary mean when she told the girls they would have to *cool their heels* until the principal was through?
 - a. that the girls had to put their feet in cold water for a while
 - b. that the girls had to wait and be patient
 - c. that the girls were in trouble

5. What did Mindy mean when she said, "We want to *get our foot in the door*"?
 - a. that the girls want to make sure the principal hears their idea about selling tickets for the spaghetti supper
 - b. that the girls want to fix the door
 - c. that the girls want to go to the fair

6. What does the expression *the early bird catches the worm* mean?
 - a. It is always better to watch birds in the early morning as they eat.
 - b. If you are early, you can watch people getting to school.
 - c. A person who gets started early on things has the best chance of success.