

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

Time to Talk

Lesson 12 The Only Male to Give Birth



Warm-up questions.



1. What do you see in the pictures?
2. Who do you think are the babies with, their moms or their dads?

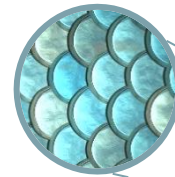
Read and learn.

The Only Male to Give Birth

Seahorses are one of the most fascinating creatures in the sea. They look like a tiny horse with a long curled tail. They are actually fish, but they do not have **scales**.



seahorse



Scales are small thin plates that cover the bodies of fish and other animals.



Read and learn.

There are around 40 kinds of seahorses. They live in warm **coastal** waters. They swim slowly, up and down among the sea plants. They like to tie themselves to the sea plants with their tails.



coastal

= at the land near the sea or ocean

Seahorses use their very thin, long **snouts** to find and eat food. They eat small shrimp and tiny fish. They eat their food whole because they don't have any teeth. They don't have a stomach either.



snout

= the front part of an animal's head that sticks out

Read and learn.

The male seahorse is the only male to give birth to babies on the Earth. **Once** a male and a female seahorse become a couple, they stay together for life. To have babies, the female lays her eggs into the male's **pouch**. **Once** the babies are born, they are on their own.



pouch

= the pocket of skin on an animal's stomach where its baby grows

Read and learn.

Seahorses have wonderful **eyesight**. They can look up and down at the same time. Seahorses are also a master of **camouflage**. They can quickly change color to match their surroundings.

Do you think the seahorse is a cool animal?



eyesight

= ability to see



camouflage

= changing the body's color to hide from something

Match the pictures with words.



coastal

scales

camouflage

eyesight

pouch

snout

Grammar



once

= if, when

Examples

Once the babies are born, they are on their own.

You will like Annie once you know her well.

Once you try the ice cream, you'll surely like it.

+ Give example sentences using “once”.

1. _____.

2. _____.



Look and say.

Describe the seahorse using the hints.

