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Wind Surfing~

Dear Reader,

My name is Dianne Darley and I'm 'our new editor for Probe this year. Ernie will be helping me, so it's back to work Ernie!

Our front cover this month shows dear Ernie trying out a new sport called "Wind Surfing".

WHAT IS IT?

Windsurfing combines the fun of sailing and surfing. The "boat" is just a flat surf board with a sail so balancing is very tricking-WATCH OUT ERNIE! The wind surfer is blown along by wind. See if you can find out more about this exciting sport.

D. Darley

HELP!!
I think I'm
off to Tasmania



PUZZLE

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* Can you find the beach activity words in the puzzle below?
Circle the words in different colors.

f	i	s	h	a	e
s	a	w	a	l	k
k	d	i	v	e	r
i	b	m	c	f	u
s	u	r	f	u	n

ANSWERS
Fish Ski Dive
Surf Swim Run
Walk Fun.



UNJUMBLE

1. arshk _____
2. outrt _____
3. ingwhiti _____
4. erdounfl _____
5. arst ifhs _____

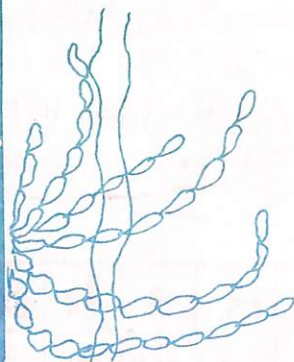
Draw them next to the word.

HORSES OF THE SEA.



WHAT ARE THEY?

They are a remarkable group of fish.



WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

They have a head like a horse, armour like a crab, tail like a monkey, and pouch like a kangaroo.

HOW DOES IT MOVE?

It swims upright.

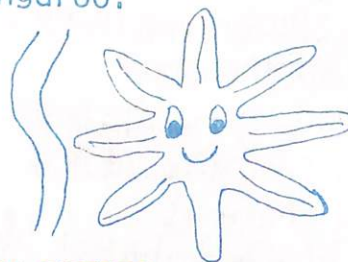
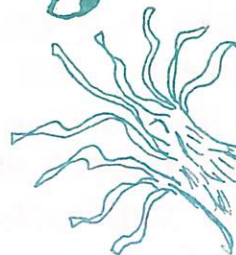


WHERE DOES IT LIVE?

Most sea horses live on shallow coastlines.

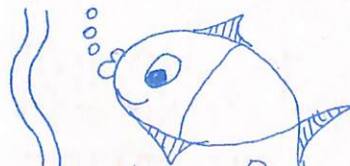


Do you remember?



HOW DO THEY BREED?

The sea horse father protects up to 200 eggs in his pouch. He gives birth to the little bundles of babies one to two months later.



1. A sea horse has a head like a _____.
2. It has a pouch like a _____.
3. It swims _____.
4. It lives on _____.

5. It has armour like a _____.
6. It has a tail like a _____.
7. The sea horse _____ gives birth to the babies.

1. Horse.
2. Kangaroo.
3. Upright.
4. Shallow coastlines.
5. Crab.
6. Monkey.
7. Father.

ANSWERS

The rare sea-horse, HIPPOCAMPUS ZEBRA.



Color the fish and sea animals. How many can you find?



BLUE
AUSTRALWINK

SEA

OUR

Look closely at these beautiful shells. How many of them do you know?

Did you know shellfish are not fish at all? They are really called MOLLUSCS, which means "soft-bodied".

This is why these animals carry a hard shell. Some live on seaweed, others are carnivorous (meat-eating.) They live under rocks, in rock pools or in the sand. Sometimes they get washed up on the beach. If the shell has a creature in it, take care. You will know there is an animal living in it, if the opening to the shell is closed. Leave it alone so you don't harm it. Some shellfish have stinging barbs which can inject a nasty poison.



BANDED
KELP



EIGHT-RAYED
LIMPET



RED EAR SHELL

Man has put shellfish to many good uses over the years. Not only do they make good eating, but the shell has been used for money to make buttons, jewellery and other ornaments. After you have collected your shells, you may like to make shell jewellery or ornaments. Happy hunting and remember

TAKE CARE

Things to do:

* SHELL SEARCH

Near the water find a flat rock which has plenty of shells on it. Stretch out a string so it is like a square. Count the number of shells inside the square. Now move to a rock away from the sea, count again.



SPENGLER'S
TRITON



CONE SHELL



COWRIES

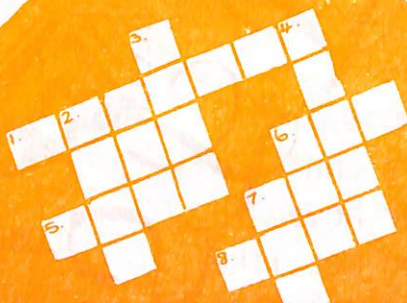


TOP SHELL



COMMON PERIWINKLE

A Fishy Puzzle



1. ACROSS.
What has
eight legs?

2. DOWN.



5. ACROSS.



8. ACROSS.



7. DOWN.



4. DOWN.



6. ACROSS.



3. DOWN.

