

# Seahorse Search: Signal Words, Facts, and Opinions

**Directions:** Read this passage about seahorses. Circle the fact and opinion signal words. Highlight the facts in one color and the opinions in another color.

Seahorses are the **best** animals in the world. They are in the genus (group of species) Hippocampus, which means "horse sea monster" in Ancient Greek. There are **47** species of seahorses. Only **four** species live in the Pacific Ocean next to North and South America. The dwarf seahorse lives in the Bahamas. **Three** kinds live in the Mediterranean Sea: the long-snouted seahorse, the short-snouted seahorse, and the sea pony. Even though they are slow, **I think** seahorses are **amazing** animals to watch. **According to 2009 Guinness World Records**, the dwarf seahorse is the slowest-moving fish, with a top speed of about **5 feet (150 cm) per hour**. Seahorses range in size from **a half inch to 14 inches**. Seahorses **should** be protected from humans who want to capture them. It is **bad** when humans take them out of their habitat and try to sell them. **I believe** that seahorses are the most magical creatures in the ocean.

