

Answer Sheet

Marsha the seahorse was born on a coral reef in Hawaii. Marsha feeds on organisms that live in on the bottom of the ocean, which makes her a predator on the coral reef. Like other seahorses, Marsha is also potential food for animals such as turtles, seabirds, and marine mammals. This means seahorses are also prey for many animals. Unlike other fish, Marsha and her seahorse friends swim vertically and cannot swim very far. While Marsha might not be a very strong swimmer, she does have her own unique talents. When Marsha needs to sneak up on food or hide from predators she camouflages herself by changing her colors to match her surroundings. Being both predator and prey, Marsha and other seahorses play an important role in maintaining healthy coral reefs. It is important that we protect seahorses and coral reefs in order to protect the health of our oceans.