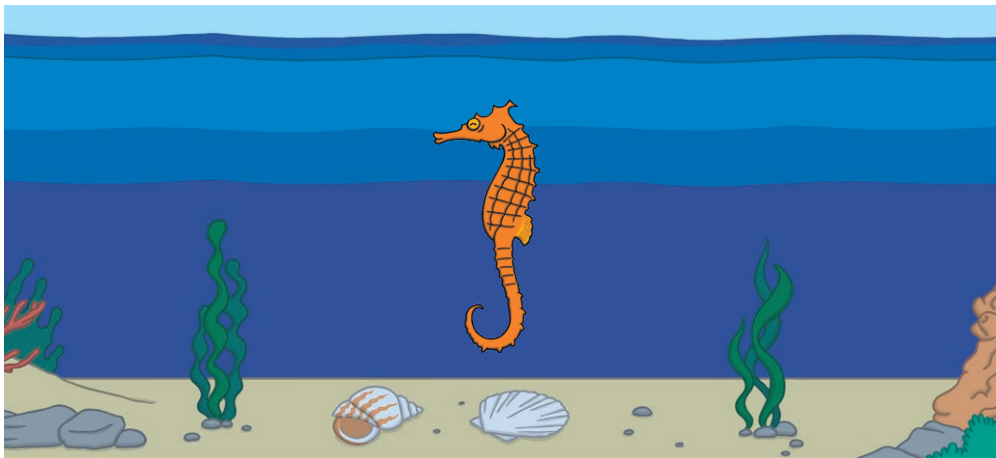# Seahorses

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Quick Questions

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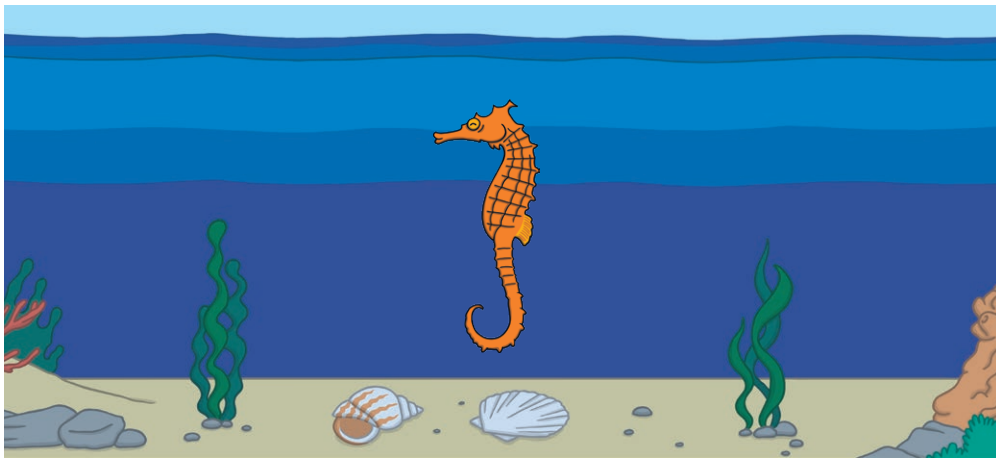2. Why do you think that seahorses hide in the seaweed?
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Answers

1. What do seahorses eat?

   Seahorses eat tiny plankton and shrimp.

2. Why do you think that seahorses hide in the seaweed?

   Accept any sensible inference, such as: I think that seahorses hide in the seaweed so that predators cannot find and eat them.

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   Accept any sensible question linked to seahorses, such as: Where do seahorses sleep?