

Hyphens

A hyphen is a small dash (-) that is sometimes used to join two words. Here are two examples from the book *I'm in the Fish Tank* –

upside-down
telescopic-eyed

Read the book again to find other examples of words joined by hyphens and write them below –

Write below any other examples of words joined by hyphens that you know –

Look closely at page 10 of the book *I'm in the Fish Tank*. Here is another example of using hyphens. This time the hyphens are used to help us say the word *axolotl* – ax-oh-lot-ill

Look through some magazines and newspapers to find other examples of hyphens. Copy them onto the back of this sheet.

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Name _____

Look closely at the graph of information on pages 20 and 21.
Answer the following the questions –

1. Which fish likes to eat meat? _____

2. How did the seahorse get its name?

3. Which two fish should not be in a tank with other fish?

4. What colour is the telescopic-eyed moor? _____

5. What does the upside-down catfish like to have in its tank?

6. What colour are the gills of a Mexican walking fish?

Use an encyclopedia, books, or the Internet to research two other fish-tank pets. On a separate sheet of paper, make a chart like the one on pages 20 and 21 of the book. Complete the chart with the information you find.

Designing Your Own Fish Tank

Imagine that you are going to have some fish-tank pets. You must plan and design your fish tank so that you will have everything you need to care for your pet correctly. There are two ways to do this –

1. Make an accurate drawing of the fish tank, or
2. Make a model of the fish tank in a clear plastic container.

Choose which one you would like to do and make sure you include the following details in your drawing or model –

- The fish-tank pet with correct colours and patterns on its scales
- The right food
- Plants
- Shade or places to hide
- How many pets will you have? Will you have one type of fish or more?