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TEXT B

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Head for your health

under trees near the school office block. Late in the race, Jai Smith, a student at the school, tripped over a rock on the track.

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What is it?

It's green and orange.
It's long and leafy looking.
It floats along on sea currents.
Is it seaweed?

NO! It's not even a plant.
It's the Leafy Seadragon.

This strange creature has a leafy appearance. These leaf-like shapes are actually pieces of skin that camouflage the seadragon. Looking like a leafy plant helps the seadragon hide in its seaweed covered habitat. The green and orange colour of the seadragon's 'leaves' help it to blend in. It looks so much like seaweed that often only the movement of its eyes or the fluttering of its tiny fins make it visible.

Like seahorses, the leafy seadragon moves using its tiny fins. The pectoral fins are located on the ridges of its neck and dorsal fins are on its back closer to the tail. These fins are all small and almost invisible. The seadragon moves smoothly through the water which makes it difficult to see. This also protects it from predators.

The leafy seadragon shares many other features with the seahorse. Both are fish. Their names each reflect their resemblance to a land creature. Like the seahorse, the female seadragon deposits up to 200 eggs into the male's brooding pouch. The pouch is located under the male's tail. It provides a safe place for the eggs to develop for up to eight weeks. Once hatched the newly born seadragons are left to take care of themselves. This independence is also needed by seahorse babies.

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Fitness is bad for your health

Yesterday, a badly injured ten-year-old child was rushed to hospital by ambulance after an incident during a fun run at a local school.

The fun run event is part of a fitness program being run at Clara College to improve the health of children at the school.

The event began in the playground, went into a park at the back of the school, then onto the school oval, and finished

under trees near the school office block.

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