An underwater scene featuring a variety of colorful fish swimming over a rocky seabed with green coral. The water is clear and blue. A large blue box with white text is centered over the image.

# Unit 3 Under the Sea

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Match 9th

jellyfish 水母



# What do you think of these creatures?



A New Dimension of Life

(一个新的生命维度)

amazing  
miraculous

## A NEW DIMENSION OF LIFE

19th January

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What kind of passage is it?

A. an advertisement

B. a piece of news

 diary entry

D. a book review

a daily written record of (usually personal) experiences and observations

snorkeling; pure magic; the most fantastic

Step 1

The main idea of the diary

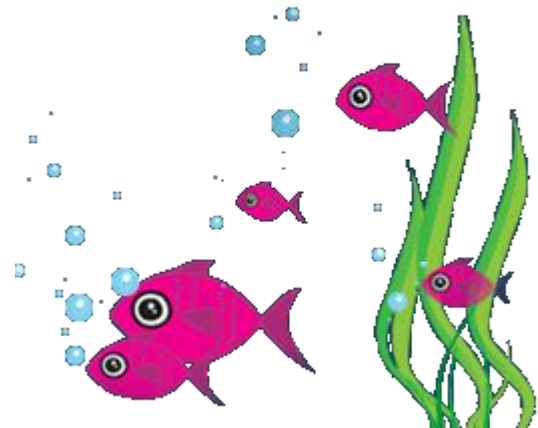
3 min.

Tip: pay more attention to the 1st para.

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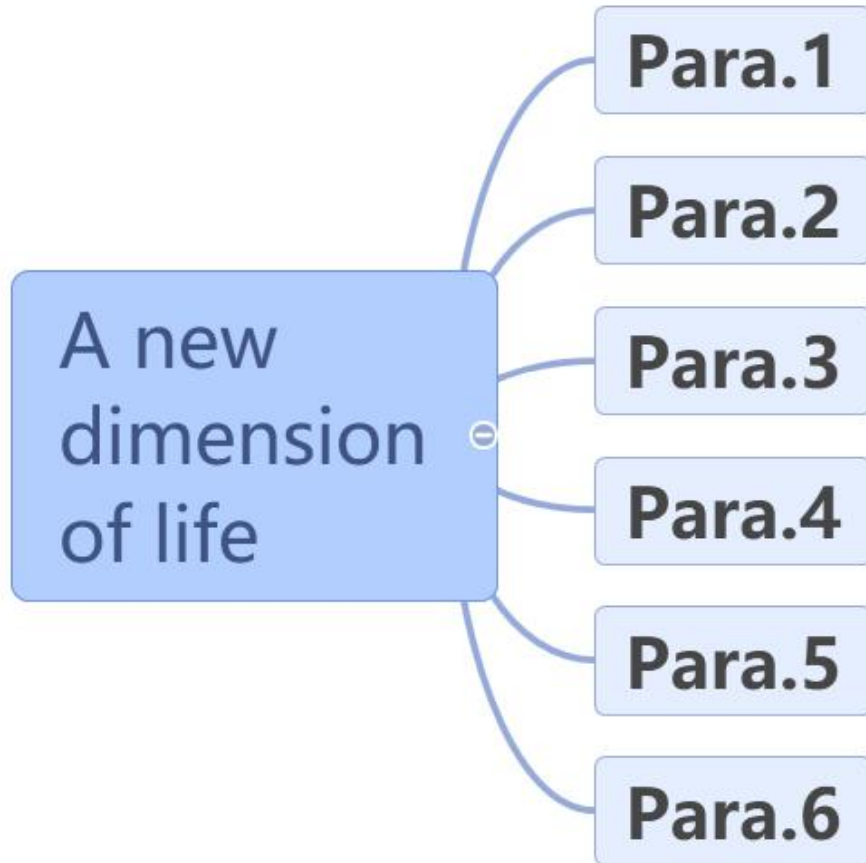
writer's fantastic snorkelling experience under the sea.

3 words



Step 2

1. The topic of each paragraph



**some sea creatures**

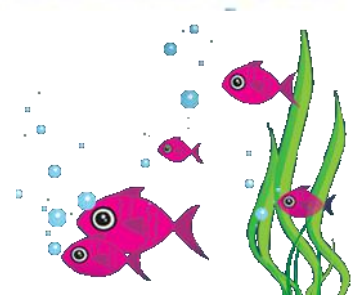
**reflecting**

**colors and shapes**

**dangers**

**a final thought**

**the edge of the reef**



## 2. Read to answer the questions

Para. 2-4

3 min.

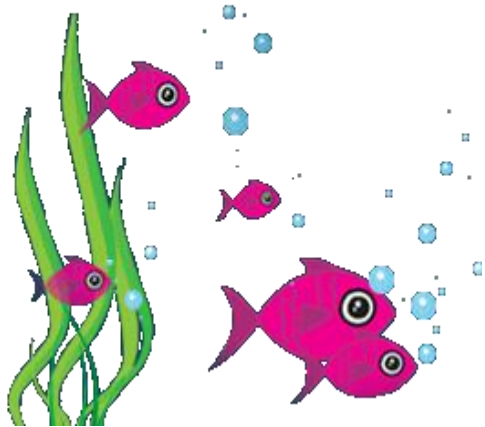
How many creatures are mainly mentioned?  
What are they?

Nine.

anemone  
fish  
双锯鱼

海参

蚌



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鳗鱼

Step 3

1. A **vivid description** was given to each creature



**coral**

The corals were fantastic — they were **shaped like** fans, plates, brains, lace, mushrooms, the branches of trees and the horns of deer.

The territory of China is shaped like a cock.



Descriptive techniques  
To make the language more influential?



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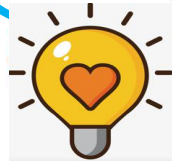
**Tip 1: Simile 明喻**



## orange and white fish

anemone  
fish

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**Tip 2:** Non-finite verbs serve as attributives.



## parrotfish

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**Tip 3:** Compound words serve as adjectives.



a yellow-spotted  
red sea slug

a sea-slug was sliding by a blue sea-star

slide by 从...旁边滑过  
slide-slid-slid



a turtle

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**Tip 4:** Use subjunctive mood.

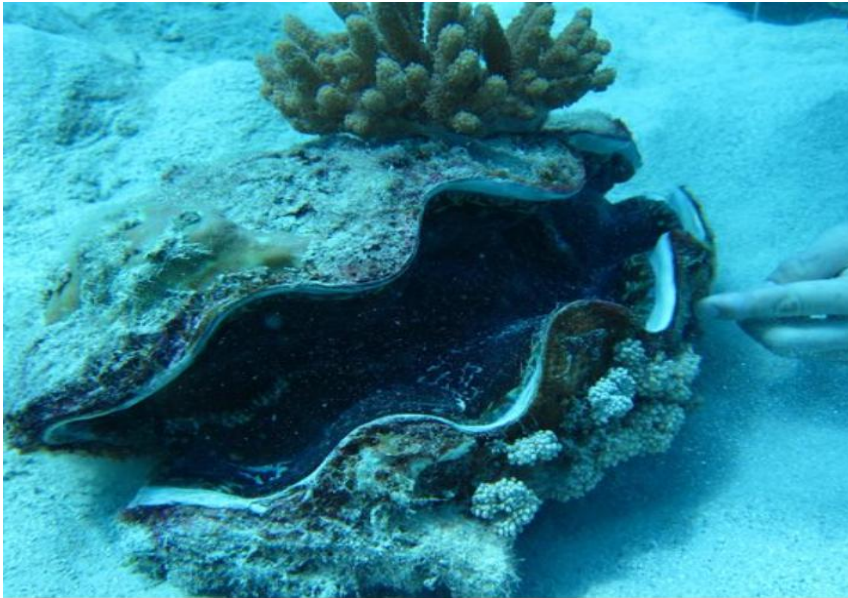


## an eel

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**Tip 5:** With-structure serves as adverbial.



## a giant clam

... the giant clam half buried in some coral waiting for something to swim in between its thick green lips.



**Tip 6:** Non-finite verbs serve as adverbials.



## two grey reef sharks

... there were two grey reef sharks, each about one and a half metres long, which suddenly appeared from behind some coral. I told myself they weren't dangerous but that didn't stop me from feeling scared to death for a moment!

stop sb. from doing sth. 阻止某人做某事  
feel scared to death 感觉快被吓死了



**Tip 7:** Use exaggerations.

Tip: pay more attention to the **exclamatory sentences** esp. at the end of the passage

## 2. What's the author's feelings after seeing these creatures?



More tips to express one's feelings: By using **adjectives, adverbs, the superlative of adjectives, exaggeration, negative sentences, etc.**

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## Step 4

# Beautiful Expressions Appreciating Again

2 min.

充满魔力的一天

a day of pure magic

奇特的美景

extraordinary beauty

我所做的最奇妙的事

the most fantastic thing I have ever done

心跳得厉害

My heart was beating wildly.

全身的细胞都被唤醒了

Every cell in my body woke up.

我觉得吓得要命。

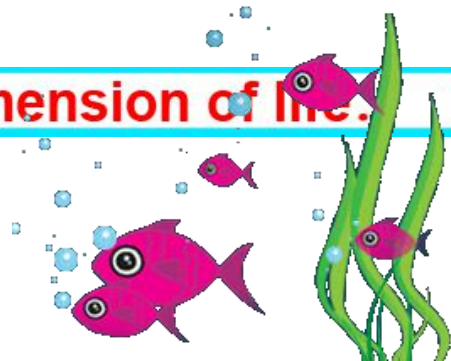
I felt scared to death.

犹如发现了生活中崭新的一面。

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在这个巨大的海洋世界中我是多么的渺小！

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I felt scared (scare) to death.

go on a roller coaster



What a tiny spot I was in this enormous world!

go surfing



go bungee  
jumping

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### 3. Fill in the blanks to capture the author's feelings again.

3 min.

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学校组织了一次春游活动。请用英文给此时身在他乡的妈妈写一封电子邮件，讲述本次经历，要点提示：

1. 春游时间、目的地；
2. 春游所观所感等。

注意：1. 词数120左右；2. 可适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

1. 今天星期天，坐在安静的家里，我在回想昨天---这是神奇的一天。昨天，我和同学们、老师们去参观了云南野生动物园。这是我所做的最奇妙的事。

**It's Sunday today. Sitting at my quiet home, I'm reflecting yesterday--- a day of pure magic!**

**I went to visit Yunnan Wildlife Park with my classmates and teachers.**

**It was the most fantastic thing I have ever done.**



2. 我首先**注意到**的是令人惊叹的**鸚鵡**。它们为我们表演了它们的**绝活**。

The first things I **became aware of** were the amazing parrots, **which performed their unique skills for us**.

3. 在去狮虎山的路上，当我们的电车从一个陡峭的山坡 (**drive down a steep slope**) 开下去时，我感觉要吓死了。我的心急剧地跳动。

On the way to the Lion and Tiger Hill, **I felt scared to death when our electric bus drove down such a steep slope. My heart beat wildly.**



4. 看到园中美景，可爱或凶猛的动物们，我全身每个细胞都苏醒了，就像发现了生活中崭新的一面。似乎每个角落都有惊喜在等我。

**Seeing such extraordinary beauty, cute or fierce animals in the park, I think every cell in my body woke up. It was like discovering a new dimension of life. It seemed there was a surprise waiting for me around every corner.**



5. **那儿多么美妙！** 我们玩的多么开心！这次旅行是对于学习和玩乐很好的结合 (**a good combination of fun and learning**)。

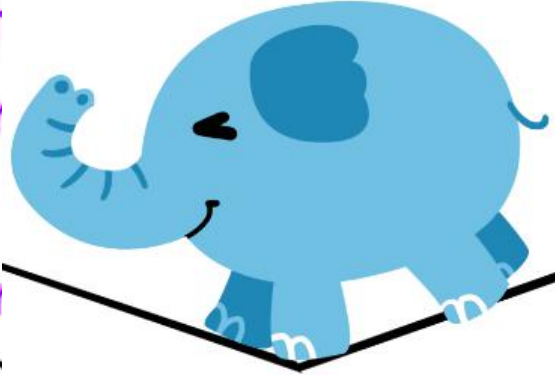
What a wonderful world it is! **And what a good time we had in it!** The trip was really a good combination of fun and learning!





# 连句成篇

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Can't wait to appreciate yours!

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Dear Mom, please refer to the attachment for the photos I took yesterday. I believe they will bring a big smile to your face! See you next Sunday, Mom



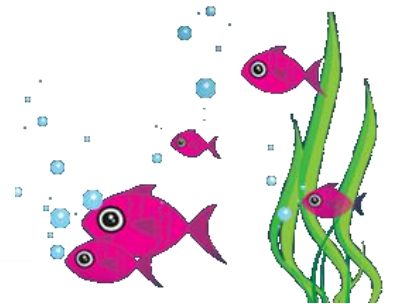


# What have we learned today?

We've  
learned

The author's snorkelling **experience**;  
The beauty of **a new dimension** of life  
under the sea;  
**awareness of protecting** the world  
under the sea.

How to **tell** our experiences  
and **express** our feelings in a **diary**  
**entry**, a **moment** or a **journal** etc.





# Homework

Please choose one of the two tasks of writing:

- 1) Perfect your writing and contribute to our school Broadcasting station
- 2) Write a journal to share one of your most unforgettable experiences of journey.





See you soon!

