

# Morning Starters: Autumn 2 - Strange but True


## Word Challenge

Copy and correct just the words (listed below) that have a spelling error:

misterious	appearence
coincided	monstrus

**Help:** All of the words appear in the 'Did you know?' paragraph.

## Grammar Challenge

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Rewrite the sentence below, adding a relative clause that begins with the pronoun 'which'.

The magnificent oarfish was washed up on the beach.

**Example:** The magnificent oarfish, which is rarely seen alive, was washed up on the beach.

## Did You Know?

The mysterious oarfish is the longest bony fish on Earth, capable of reaching an astonishing length of up to 11 metres. With its snake-like body and shimmering silver scales, it's no wonder this creature has often been mistaken for a monstrous sea serpent. Despite its fearsome appearance, the oarfish is a harmless filter-feeder and rarely seen by humans. It has earned the nickname "Doomsday Fish" because its sightings have coincided with natural disasters like tsunamis and earthquakes.



Credit: BBC Two - Nature's Weirdest Events

## Number Challenge

An oarfish has a body length of **560 cm**. When it tries to escape a predator, it loses part of its tail, which reduces its body length by **one eighth**.

**What is the new body length of the oarfish after losing part of its tail?**

## Critical Thinking

Scientists have recently discovered a brand new species of deep ocean fish with an unusual body shape.

**Make a quick sketch of this fish.**

Be prepared to explain why you think its body is shaped the way you have drawn it.