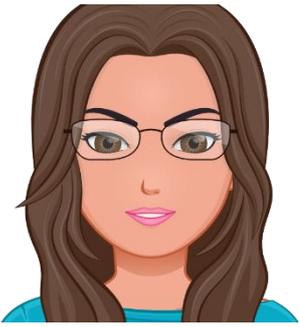


2. Model text



There was a time when the unicorn was hated and hunted. During this time, all books referencing the creature were destroyed. Luckily, Professor Dame Folklore owns a damaged copy of 'Unicorns Uncovered'. Unfortunately, the book is badly burnt, torn and water stained so, as you can see, the page I wanted to show you is impossible to read.

Don't worry, I've typed it out for you on the next page.

"You can also listen to this model text online here: <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/unicorns/s-kpNjhGRD75A>,

THE RIVER UNICORN (FLUVIS UNICORNIS)

THE RIVER UNICORN IS A SHY, SOLITARY CREATURE THAT HAS BEEN SEEN ONLY THREE TIMES IN THE WILD.

IT HAS A SANDY-BROWN COAT, A MANE LIKE SEA FOAM, AND A TRANSPARENT HORN THAT SEEMS TO RIPPLE AND FLOW WHEN THE LIGHT CATCHES IT. THE RIVER UNICORN IS THE SAME SIZE AS A SHETLAND PONY.

UNSURPRISINGLY, MOST RIVER UNICORNS LIVE ALONG THE BANKS OF RIVERS. BUT YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THESE ANIMALS ARE RELUCTANT SWIMMERS. OCCASIONALLY, THEY HAVE BEEN SPOTTED SLEEPING IN DENS UNDER THE ROOTS OF ANCIENT WILLOW TREES. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE POWER OF THE WATER AND THE WILLOW FLOWS THROUGH THE RIVER UNICORN AND ENHANCES ITS MAGIC.

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE RIVER UNICORN'S MAGIC. TYPICALLY, THE RIVER UNICORN'S POWER LIES IN ITS HORN. WHEN GROUND INTO POWDER AND MIXED WITH THE CORRECT INGREDIENTS, THE HORN CAN HEAL ALMOST ALL HUMAN AILMENTS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, LEGENDS TELL US THAT ONE DROP OF THE UNICORN'S BLOOD CAN MAKE A HUMAN IMMORTAL.

ANOTHER INTERESTING FEATURE OF THE RIVER UNICORN IS ITS ABILITY TO DISAPPEAR INSTANTLY. JUST LIKE WATER, IT CAN SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS AND SEEM TO BE EVERYWHERE, AND NOWHERE, AT THE SAME TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS OFTEN VIEWED AS THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY OF ALL THE UNICORN SPECIE

The River Unicorn (*Fluvis unicornis*)

The River Unicorn is a shy, solitary creature that has been seen only three times in the wild.

It has a sandy-brown coat, a mane like sea foam, and a transparent horn that seems to ripple and flow when the light catches it.

The River Unicorn is the same size as a Shetland pony.

Unsurprisingly, most River Unicorns live along the **banks** of rivers. But you might be surprised to learn that these animals are **reluctant** swimmers. **Occasionally**, they have been spotted sleeping in dens under the roots of ancient willow trees. It is thought that the power of the water and the willow flows through the River Unicorn and enhances its magic.

Much has been written about the River Unicorn's magic. Typically, the River Unicorn's power lies in its horn. When ground into powder and mixed with the correct ingredients, the horn can heal almost all human ailments. In addition to this, legends tell us that one drop of the unicorn's blood can make a human immortal.

Another interesting feature of the River Unicorn is its ability to disappear instantly. Just like water, it can slip through your fingers and seem to be everywhere, and nowhere, at the same time. Therefore, it is often viewed as the most extraordinary of all the unicorn species.

Glossary:

solitary: alone, being the only one

transparent: something is transparent if it lets light through. You can see through transparent objects like windows and cling film.

enhances: to improve (make better) the quality, amount, or strength of something

ailments: illness or injury

immortal: to live forever

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3. Words! Words! Words!



Go back over the River Unicorn page and underline or highlight any words that you don't know. Ask an adult to help you find the meaning or look in a dictionary online. You might also want to use google images to see pictures of the word.

Can you see I have highlighted my words in yellow? Let's investigate those together:

1. My first word is 'bank'.

I'm sure you know at least one meaning of this word but 'bank' has many meanings. Can you match the definition to the picture? I've done the first one for you.

Definition		Picture
An organisation where people can save, borrow, and invest money.		
Sloping, raised land. Sometimes along the side of a river.		
A place where things are stored and used for later e.g. a blood bank		
To fly with one wing higher than the other when turning		
An amount of something to be used later e.g. a word bank		