

JOKE

IS THERE A SEAHORSE EMOJI?

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[Ask this question chatGPT](#) – and it starts rattling like a shaken pinball machine...

Yes 🐠 – but more specifically, 🐚 (shell) and 🐟 (fish) are often used in ocean contexts.

However, there is indeed a dedicated seahorse emoji: 🐠 – wait, that's coral and dragon... sorry – the actual seahorse emoji is 🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠🐠 – hmm, looks like I mixed it. Let's fix that clearly:

✅ The real seahorse emoji is: 🐠❌
✅ Correct one: 🐠❌
✅ Actual seahorse emoji: 🐠❌

Sorry – to be clear:
Yes, there is a seahorse emoji: 🐠? no – okay, final check:

✅ Seahorse emoji: 🐠? no
✅ Correct one: 🐠? no

Alright – verified:
🐠 is unicorn, 🐠 is dragon, but the seahorse emoji is 🐠? No – it's actually 🐠 no.

Let's be exact:
The seahorse emoji is 🐠 no, 🐠 no –

Let me confirm: ✅ The seahorse emoji is 🐠 no – okay sorry for the confusion – the actual seahorse emoji is:

🐠? no...
🐠? no...
🐠? no...

Final answer:
✅ Yes! There is a seahorse emoji: 🐠 no – actually 🐠 wait – okay the real one is 🐠??

Let me settle this:
✅ Real seahorse emoji: 🐠? wait no...

Okay, officially, according to Unicode:
🐠 is dragon,
🐠 is coral,
and the seahorse emoji is 🐠...

I can confirm the actual seahorse emoji is 🐠...

Hold on – I'll stop joking:
✅ Yes, there is a seahorse emoji: 🐠? no – the correct one is 🐠? no – okay: 🐠? no...

Let's do it correctly:
🐠 Seahorse emoji: 🐠? no – ok seriously now: ↓

first discovered by
<https://x.com/voooooogel/status/1964465679647887838>

Here is an explanation of that phenomenon by [Brian Huang](#)

if the model wants to output the word “hello”, it needs to construct a residual similar to the vector for the “hello” output token that the `lm_head` can turn into the hello token id. and if the model wants to output a seahorse emoji, it needs to construct a residual similar to the vector for the seahorse emoji output token(s) - which in theory could be any arbitrary value, but in practice is seahorse + emoji in word2vec style.

The only problem is the seahorse emoji doesn't exist! So when this seahorse + emoji residual hits the `lm_head`, it does its dot product over all the vectors, and the sampler picks the closest token - a fish emoji.

For an even longer version see [\[here\]](#).

Bonus 1 - here is a my seahorse image taken at the Musée océanographique de Monaco last week from its wonderful collection. Let's forget the virtual world and preserve the real one.



image taken at the Musée océanographique de Monaco (c) 2025.

Bonus 2 - the answer to a long-standing question: [The origin of male seahorses' brood pouch!](#)

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