**Learning Objective**We are learning how to write sentences about mudskippers that contain a relative clause.

**Challenge 1**

**Highlight all of the relative clauses in the paragraph below. Don’t forget that a relative clause is introduced by one of the following relative pronouns: who, which, that, whose, where and when.**

Mudskippers, which are an unusual type of fish, can be found in swamps, estuaries and mudflats. They spend much of their time out of water, where they can be spotted walking, skipping and even climbing. On land, they are able to breathe by absorbing oxygen through their skin, which is usually a brownish-green colour. Mudskippers are very active creatures; they enjoy interacting with each other, finding food and defending their burrows. The male mudskipper, whose body is speckled with sky-blue spots, is responsible for digging and maintaining a burrow. Inside this burrow a female will eventually lay her eggs.

**Challenge 2**

**Combine each of the two sentences below to make a single sentence that contains a relative clause. e.g. The speckled mudskipper rolled in the mud. The mudskipper was preparing to impress a female. (becomes) The speckled mudskipper, which was preparing to impress a female, rolled in the mud.**

1. The cameraman was amazed by the mudskipper’s unusual behaviour. The cameraman hadn’t filmed in Japan before.
2. Mudskippers are able to walk, skip, jump and climb on land. Mudskippers have jointed, leg-like fins.
3. The mudskipper flashed its pink-tipped dorsal fin. The mudskipper leapt into the air.
4. The giant mudskipper can reach almost 30 cm in length. The giant mudskipper has a black stripe on its side.
5. A mudskipper has excellent eyesight. The bulging eyes of a mudskipper are perched on the top of its head.
6. The mudskipper crawled out of its burrow. The mudskipper had been waiting patiently for the tide to go out.
7. In Japan, the mudskippers were filmed over several days. The mud from mangrove forests and river estuaries provide the ideal habitat for mudskippers.

**Challenge 3  
Using some of the relative pronouns and descriptive words from the Word Wall, write your own relative clause sentences about the remarkable mudskipper.**



fertilised

burrow

sludge

absorbed

whipped

bug-eyed

rolled

mudflat

impressed

mangrove

acrobatic

Japan

amphibious

mudskipper

**Word Wall**

**Relative Pronouns**

that

when

whose

where

which

who