

FACTS ABOUT FISH

Fish are the rulers of the water world. You can find them in both freshwater and saltwater. You see them in ponds, zoos, as pets in fish tanks, and more.

There are over 30,000 species of fish.

FISH CAN BE MEAT EATERS, PLANT EATERS, OR BOTH!

Those fish that eat meat are called carnivores. Plant eating fish are called herbivores. Fish who enjoy both plant and meat based meals are called omnivores.

FISH HAVE SCALES

The scales of a fish actually help them swim through the water. If you touch a fish, you will notice that their scales feel slimy. This helps them swim through the water with ease.



DID YOU KNOW

- Even though Jellyfish and others have fish in their name, they are not considered fish!
- Most fish do not have eyelids.
- Fish send acoustic signals to other fish in order to communicate. Typically, their signals communicate aggression, feeding, or courtship behavior.
- There are a number of different fish that are poisonous. Puffer fish, blowfish, and sting rays are just a few.
- Fish are vertebrates because they have backbones. Because they live in the water, they breathe using special organs called gills.

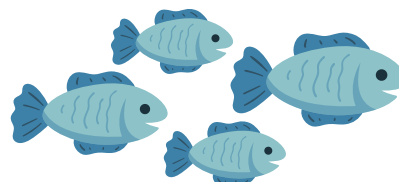


Some fish are really weird looking!

HOW DO FISH EAT

Carnivorous fish use their sharp teeth to hold prey while swallowing it whole.

Herbivorous fish grinding mills in their throats, called pharyngeal teeth.



A group of fish is called a school of fish.

Fish Fact Worksheet

Use reliable sources to research and answer the following questions:

What can fish eat?

What is a group of fish called?

Why are the fish's scales important?

Research and name 3 different fish.

How do carnivorous fish eat?