

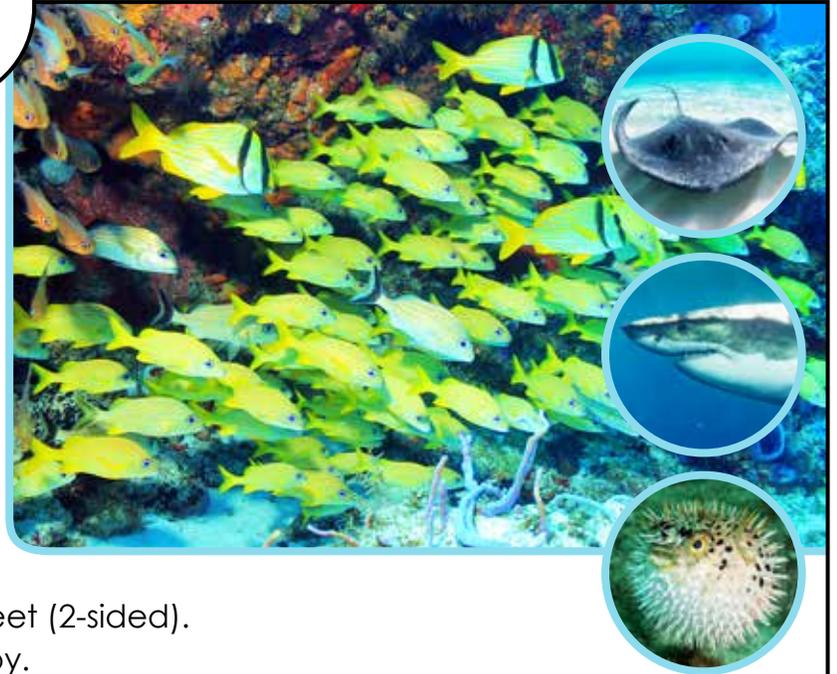
Fish Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

Fish questions worksheet (pages 2-3)
18 fish fact cards (pages 4-8)
Tape and scissors

Preparation

Print the fact cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.



Make copies of the fish questions worksheet (2-sided).
Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 fish fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the sides of student desks, or wherever you like.



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You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair
- on the side of your computer monitor

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



Scavenger Hunt

Fish

Fact Card

1



The largest fish on Earth today is the whale shark. It can grow up to 50 feet (15 meters) long.

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Fish

Fact Card

2



Fish can be very healthy to eat. Most people cook their fish. Some people eat certain kinds of raw fish, called sushi. Some people eat fish eggs, called caviar.



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Whales and dolphins are not fish. They're actually mammals and breathe air, not water.



The largest fish that ever lived on Earth was the Megalodon shark. It looked like a great white shark, but was much bigger. It could grow over 60 feet long—that's even longer than a school bus! It has been extinct for millions of years.



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Fish

Fact Card

5



A scientist who studies fish is called an ichthyologist.

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Fish

Fact Card

6



One species of fish, called the climbing perch, can walk across land and even climb trees! It can live out of water for hours at a time.



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Jellyfish, starfish, and crayfish are not really fish at all! Unlike real fish, they do not have a backbone, gills, and fins.



Almost all fish hatch from eggs. Guppies and some types of sharks do not hatch from eggs - they are born live.



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Fish

Fact Card

9



Most baby fish are called fry. A baby shark or stingray is called a pup.

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Fish

Fact Card

10



An electric eel is a type of fish that looks a little like a snake. It can make electricity to shock and kill other sea creatures.



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Pufferfish can blow up into a large ball when they become scared. Most puffer fish are very poisonous when touched. Pufferfish are sometimes called blowfish or balloonfish.



A shark's bones are made out of cartilage. This is the same material that makes up a human's nose.



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Fish

Fact Card

13



A stingray doesn't look much like a fish, but it is one. It has a wide, flat body. Most stingrays flap their fins and fly through the water, sort of like how a bird flies through the air.

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Fact Card

14



Some fish can become seasick in very rough waters. Fish that are in a pail of water that is shaken will often become seasick.



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Fish do not have eyelids, so they can't close their eyes when they sleep.



Fish need oxygen, just like people do, but they don't get their oxygen from the air. They have gills to breathe oxygen that's in the water.



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Fact Card

17



Female cichlids keep their eggs in their mouths to protect them from predators.

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Fish

Fact Card

18



The fastest fish in the world is the sailfish. It can swim over 65 miles per hour (or 110 kilometers per hour). That's as fast as cars on a highway.



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Fact Card 1: What is the largest species of fish in the world today?

Fact Card 2: Fish eggs that are eaten by people are called...

Fact Card 3: Whales and dolphins are not fish. They are...

Fact Card 4: Scientists have never seen a living Megalodon shark. Why not?



Fact Card 7: Name three animals that have "fish" in their name, but aren't real fish.

Fact Card 8: Name two fish that do not hatch from eggs.

Fact Card 9: A baby shark or stingray is called a...

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Fact Card 10: What type of fish looks like a snake and can make electricity?

Fact Card 11: List two other names for the pufferfish.

Fact Card 12: What materials are a shark's bones made of?

Fact Card 13: What type of fish has a wide, flat body and "flies" through the water?



Fact Card 16: What body part do fish use to get oxygen from the water?

Fact Card 17: How do female cichlids protect their eggs?

Fact Card 18: What is the fastest species of fish in the world?

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whale shark

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caviar

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mammals

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It's been extinct for millions of years.



Fact Card 7: Name three animals that have "fish" in their name, but aren't real fish.

starfish, crayfish, and jellyfish

Fact Card 8: Name two fish that do not hatch from eggs.

guppies and (some) sharks

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pup

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electric eel

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blowfish and balloonfish

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cartilage

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sting ray



Fact Card 16: What body part do fish use to get oxygen from the water?

gills

Fact Card 17: How do female cichlids protect their eggs?

They keep the eggs in their mouths.

Fact Card 18: What is the fastest species of fish in the world?

sailfish
