



All About Fish

Fish are creatures that live in water and use gills to breathe. They are vertebrates. Vertebrates are living things that have a backbone.

What do they look like?

- There are so many different types of fish! Lots of them have similar features.
- Most are cold-blooded.
- Their bodies are covered in scales.
- They have a tail and pairs of fins.
- Most fish have bones. Some species, such as rays and sharks, have skeletons made of softer cartilage.

Where do they live?

Fish can live in saltwater or freshwater. They can be found in oceans, seas, rivers, lakes, ponds and streams. Each type of fish has to live in the water that is right for them. A saltwater fish cannot survive in freshwater and the other way around.

Fun Facts

- There are over 30,000 species of fish in the world!
- The largest fish is the whale shark. They can be over 12 metres long.

What do they eat?

Different species of fish have different diets.

Some fish, like sharks, are carnivores.

They eat other fish or mammals.

Some fish are herbivores. They only eat plants and algae.

Many fish are omnivores. They will eat a mixture of plants and animal life. This includes insects, smaller fish, crabs, worms or amphibians.

