Visual Information

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

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How a Fish Swims and Breathes

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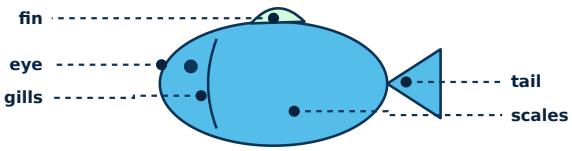
Unlike people, fish do not have lungs. Instead, they breathe with gills. Gills are on each side of the fish's head, just behind the eye. As water flows over the gills, they take in oxygen from the water.

A fish moves through the water with its tail and fins. The tail swings from side to side and pushes the fish forward. The fins on its back and sides help it steer and keep its balance. Without fins, a fish would roll over in the water.

Most fish are covered with small, flat scales. Scales overlap like the tiles on a roof. They protect the fish's skin from cuts and germs. A slimy coat on top of the scales helps the fish slip through the water.

Fish also need to find food and spot danger. A fish's eyes are on the sides of its head. This lets it see in almost every direction at once.

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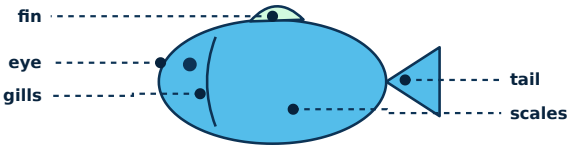
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3. What does the diagram show that the words alone do not?
   why the scales overlap like roof tiles
   how the gills take in oxygen from water
   exactly where each part is on the fish's body
   what the slimy coat on the scales does

4. Which labelled part covers most of the fish's body?
   fin scales gills eye

5. Find the part labelled "fin." What job does the text say fins do?
   They protect the skin from cuts.
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   They take in oxygen from water.
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6. The text says gills are just behind the eye. Which labelled part sits on the head in front of the gills?



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7. Why did the author include a diagram with this text?
to tell a story about one special fish
to show a new part the text never names
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Lungs fill up with air.
The tail pumps air into the body.
Scales soak up air from water.
Gills take in oxygen from water.

9. Why can a fish see in almost every direction at once?
Its fins help it turn very fast.
It has eyes on its back and tail.
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It swims with its head turned up.

10. According to the text, what would happen to a fish without fins?
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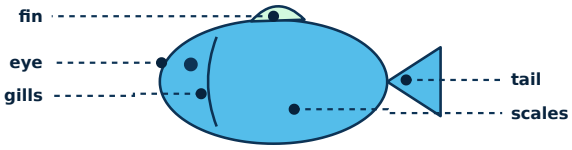
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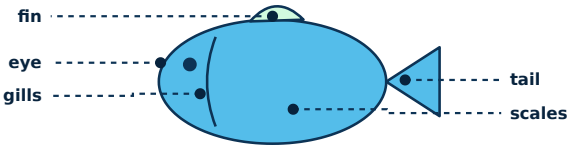
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