

Chordates: animals WITH a backbone

three classes of fish

Chondrichthyes
Sharks



Osteichthyes
Bony fishes



Agnathids
Jawless fish



Agnatha

- Most primitive
- Lack jaws
- Round row of teeth



Osteichthyes

- Bony fishes
- skeleton made of mostly bones
- 96% of fish are the bony fishes
- have plates that cover gills (operculum)
- swim bladder

- Means fish with bony skeletons
- There are over 20,000 species of bony fish
- Seahorses are the only fish that swim upright

Fish have sleep-like periods where they have lowered response to stimuli, slowed physical activity, and reduced metabolism but they do not share the same changes in brain waves as humans do when they sleep.

On average, flying fish can glide 160 feet (50m), but have been known to glide as far as 660 feet (200 m). And they can reach heights up to 19 feet (6m)

Where do most fish live?

The **epipelagic (sunlit zone)**
But fish can be found in any ocean and at any depth

barrel eye



Why do fish move

- To increase their chances of survival
- To help them reproduce
- To find food and shelter
- To get oxygen
- To migrate
- To avoid predators



Fish want to use as little energy as possible to get what they need



How do fish move?

Fish live in water and water is a viscous material. Viscosity is how "thick" a fluid is. Honey is more viscous than water.

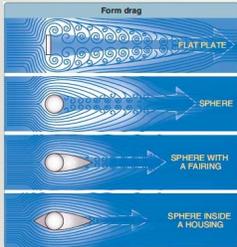
SO Fish are constantly fighting to move through the water. Body shape and ability to move (fins) help a fish adapt to its specific environmental conditions.

This is why certain fish have different body types, or fin arrangements.

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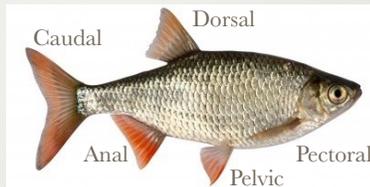
Fish are subjected to friction of the surrounding water, rubbing against a fishes body. This creates Drag on the fish, slowing the fish down.

Also, body shape/form can also create drag from the surrounding water. A long cylindrical shape fights drag.

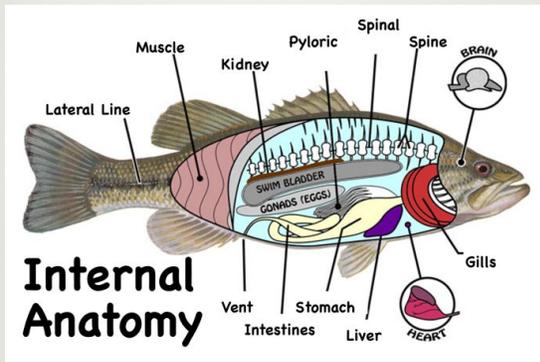


Fins

- Caudal Fin
- Dorsal Fin
- Pectoral Fin
- Pelvic Fin
- Anal Fin



dissection



Pressure again

Fish can control their float-ability by a special organ called the swim bladder, or air bladder.

Ways animals and plants avoid sinking

By adjusting body **density** to the same density as that of the water around them (neutral buoyancy).
Having flattened or bristly shapes that **increase surface area** and reduce sinking.
Adjust the density of its body by using a SWIM BLADDER
They will adjust the density of the components of their insides (they will consume lighter weight ions and leave the heavier ones in the surrounding water)
inflated to make the fish rise higher in the water
or deflated to make the fish sink lower

No Swim Bladder
Some fish like Tuna do not have a swim bladder and must swim fast to prevent sinking
Some fish like catfish do not have a swim bladder and spend their life on the bottom

The **speed limit** of a fish is determined by the **viscosity or thickness** of the water

Streamlining of the fastest swimming fish (ex. Tuna) reduces turbulence
Eyes are flattened against the head and male sex organs are usually internal
Barracudas can reach speeds of 40 km/hr
Yellowfin Tuna can reach speeds of 45 km/hr
Larger Tuna can reach 110 km/hr

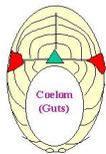
Cruising speed for fish is about:
1 or 2 body lengths per second (BL/sec.)

Body Muscle

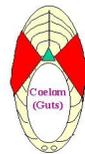
- 75% of the total body mass of fast swimming fish like tuna is muscle
- There is a greater percentage of red muscle than white muscle
- Red muscle contains myoglobin, a pigment that uses oxygen.
- Red muscle is for long term action (long distance swimming)
- white muscle is for quick reactions. (anaerobic)



Red Muscle and Behavior



Catfish: Slow cruising



Swordfish: Fast Cruising



Fish Senses

Sight – some fish can see color and can see in very dim light

Smell – fish have nostrils used for smelling chemical scents in the water

Touch – fish can feel objects against their skin

Lateral line- A system of canals on the sides of fishes that helps fish detect changes in pressure, vibrations and currents



Anableps: can see above and below water at the same time



-Fish “hear” via their **lateral lines**, a line of pressure sensors running along each side of the fish that pick up pressure waves (= sound) in water.

-When someone taps on an aquarium, that creates waves of pressure in the water that the fish can detect.

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Lateral Line

Detect changes in pressure and vibrations and currents

Detect Prey

Swim together in a school

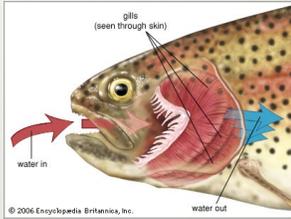
Detect predators on the sides or behind

Pickup vibrations from the swimming together of other animals



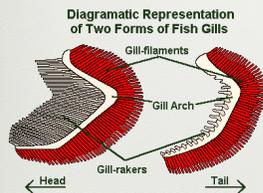
Respiration

Fish use gills to absorb oxygen from the surrounding water
Dissolved gases vary in water with temperature and salinity
Cold fresh water can hold more dissolved gas than warm saltwater



Parts of a Gill

Gill Arch - stiff structure that supports the gill filaments and the gill rakers
Gill Rakers - prevent food from clogging up the gill filaments
Gill Filaments - fingerlike projections where oxygen is absorbed and carbon dioxide is removed
Gas is exchanged in gills because water and blood move along side each other in opposite directions



Body Temperature

Endothermic (homeothermic) maintain a constant internal body temperature (ex. Humans 98.6°F). White shark, makos, salmon shark, porbeagle have some endothermic abilities. the pic on the right is the cutest .

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Ectothermic or Poikilothermic - have a temperature similar to their surroundings (ex. If the water is 56°F then the fish will have a body temperature around 56°F)