

Do Fish Have Feet?

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Do fish have feet? Of course not! Everyone knows that.

However, did you know that some fish can walk? Some can hop. Some can jump. Some can even fly.

Some fish walk. They walk on their gill covers. Their fins and tail push them along. Like all fish, these fish must live in water. Sometimes the water they live in dries up. So they walk until they find new water to live in.

The fins of some fish are made so that they can hop around on them. These fish can hop on the bottom of a river. Sometimes they hop out of the river. They do this to find food.

Some fish can jump out of the water. They can jump higher than the ceiling in your classroom. These fish have large fins. That's why they can jump. Some of them can even "fly" over the water. They can't fly high in the air like birds do. But they can glide just above the water for a while.

Fish may not have feet or wings. But some of them act as though they do.

COMPREHENSION

A Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 This story is mostly about fish that can
 - a** hop on the bottom of a river.
 - b** do more than just swim.
- 2 One way all fish are alike is that they
 - a** can walk to find water.
 - b** must live in water.
- 3 Some fish hop out of the water because they're
 - a** hungry.
 - b** tired.

- 4 Some fish with large fins can
 - a** walk on their gill covers.
 - b** glide over the water.
- 5 "Flying" fish don't fly just like birds because they
 - a** don't have real wings like birds do.
 - b** like to fly closer to the water than birds do.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B Words change spelling when they mean more than one.

one cover → two covers

Write each word below so that it means more than one.

- 1 gill
- 2 fin
- 3 river
- 4 bird
- 5 wing

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence below? Write the word.

- 6 The _____ where fish live may dry up.
- 7 Some fish use the covers on their _____ to walk.
- 8 Other fish can hop on their _____.
- 9 Some fish "fly" by using their fins as _____.
- 10 Flying fish look like _____ as they glide over the water.

THINK ABOUT IT

D What kind of fish is that?

It is a flying fish.

It's so much fun to go fishing!

A sentence that asks a question ends with a question mark (?).

A sentence that tells something ends with a period (.).

A sentence that tells something with strong feeling ends with an exclamation point (!).

Read each sentence. If it should end with a question mark, write *question*. If it should end with a period, write *period*. If it should end with an exclamation point, write *exclamation*.

- 1 The pet shop has lots of fish
- 2 When are the fish fed
- 3 The fish has blue spots
- 4 Look at that fish fly
- 5 What kind of fish is it

E Rachel is going to write about what she did when she went fishing. Read each item. If it fits her main topic, write *Yes*. If it doesn't, write *No*.

- 6 Dropped the line in the lake
- 7 Sat quietly in the boat
- 8 Saw some fish at a pet store
- 9 Caught a two-pound catfish
- 10 Bought a goldfish for her bedroom