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What Is a Fish?

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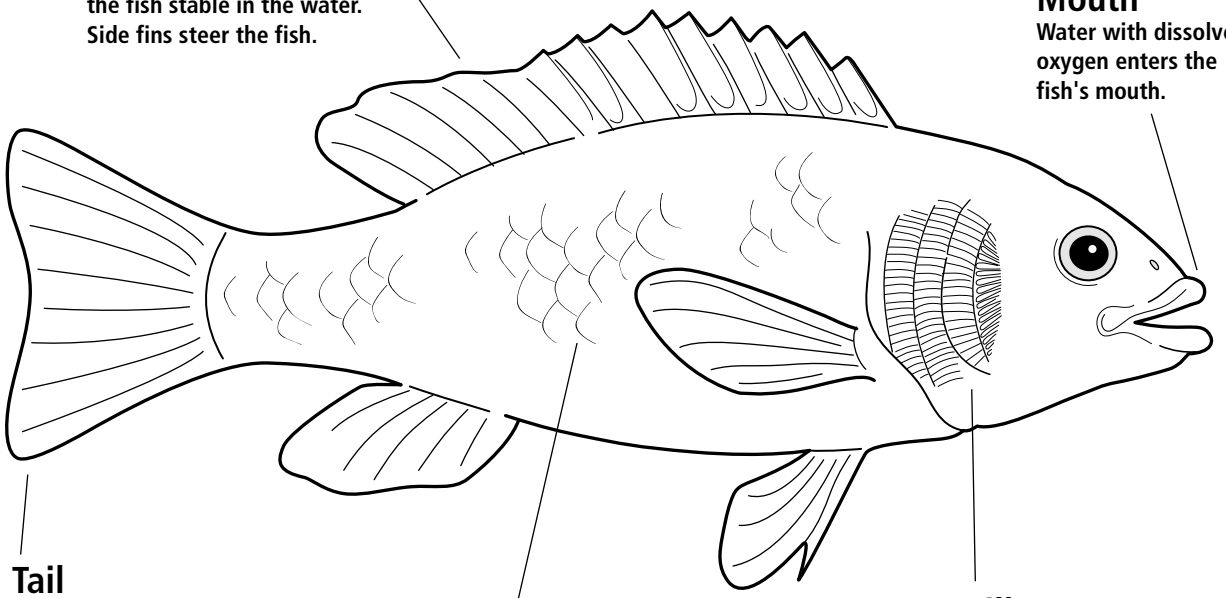

Fins
The top and bottom fins make the fish stable in the water. Side fins steer the fish.

Mouth
Water with dissolved oxygen enters the fish's mouth.

Tail
The tail moves the fish through the water.

Scales
Overlapping scales make a fish's body smooth and slippery so it glides easily through the water.

Gills
Water flows over the gills. Oxygen moves into the blood. Carbon dioxide moves out of the blood. The water then exits through the gill openings.

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