



Fish live in water, have gills to breathe, scales and fins on their bodies, and are cold-blooded. Scales, fins, and gills; if all are present it's a fish!

Scales are diamond or round shape pieces of thin, pieces of fingernail like material. Scales are put together like a puzzle over the fish's entire body.

Nearly all fish have fins. A fish has a fin on its back, a fin on its stomach, and a big fin for a tail, and two fins on each side. The fish steers with its fins as it swims. It moves or swims by moving its big tail.

All fish have gills. Fish breathe through their gills. Gills are openings in a fish's head just behind its mouth.

A fishes eye are always open because they have no eyelids.

Some fish lay a few eggs, some lay thousands of eggs, some millions of eggs and some fish don't lay eggs. Fish eggs have no shell; they are round and soft like jelly. Most fish eggs never hatch, only a few eggs become fish.

Fish live in oceans, lakes, and rivers. There are thousands of kinds of fish. See what else you can discover about fish!