Lesson Plan for
Teaching about Fish

Compare fish to automobiles – Talk about characteristics of fish and vehicles and how they are similar

Show picture examples of fish and their comparable car – Class discussion

Reproducible Fun Activity Sheets

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fish</th>
<th>Automobile</th>
<th>Comparison</th>
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<tr>
<td>Darter Fish</td>
<td>Dragster Cars</td>
<td>Dragster type fish have big tails to thrust them through the water at high speeds for a short distance. Most have smaller fins. Those that have big front fins use them like a car uses a spoiler (it keeps them pushed down). Darters can be caught in local creeks and rivers. They live in rocks.</td>
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<td>Pike Fish</td>
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<td>Minnows</td>
<td>BMW Cruiser</td>
<td>Cruiser fish are like a nice luxury car. They are meant to be driven for a long time, and they have efficient motors for long distances. These fish keep cruising around looking for food.</td>
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<td>White Crappie</td>
<td>4-Wheel Drive</td>
<td>The “four wheel drive” fish are very mobile and can go anywhere. They have big fins that act like big tires. They like weedy and brushy water. (Things to hide in)</td>
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<td>Red Ear Sunfish</td>
<td>Hummer</td>
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<td>Largemouth Bass</td>
<td>Nissan Altima</td>
<td>Multipurpose fish are like a sedan. They can do a little of everything, but they are not that great at just one thing.</td>
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<td>Spotted Bass</td>
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Dragster type fish

Darter Fish

Pike Fish
Cruiser (BMW) type fish

Minnow

Salmon

Shark
Four-Wheel Drive (Hummer) type fish

White Crappie

Red Ear Sunfish
Multipurpose Sedan (Nissan Altima) type fish

Largemouth Bass

Spotted Bass
Match Fish to Comparable Vehicle
Print the correct letter in the blank

_____ Darter Fish  A. Four-Wheeled Drive
_____ Largemouth Bass  B. Dragster
_____ Minnow  C. Sedan
_____ Red Ear Sunfish  D. Cruiser
_____ White Crappie
_____ Salmon
_____ Spotted Bass
_____ Pike Fish
_____ Shark

Draw a picture of your favorite fish

Draw a picture of your favorite vehicle

Easy
Fish Word Search

angelfish
anglerfish
aquatic
bony
cartilaginous
catfish
clownfish
cod
cold-blooded
eel
eggs
fins
flounder
freshwater

fry
gills
goldfish
great white shark
halibut
hammerhead shark
herring
lake
lateral line
mackerel
manta ray
minnow
mudskipper
ocean

piranha
puffer fish
reef
river
salmon
saltwater
scales
school
shoal
tiger shark
troll
tuna
vertebrate
whale shark
Across
2. A fish that people eat out of cans.
3. An orange fish that is a pet.
8. A place where fish live (freshwater).
10. Fish use these to swim.
11. Fish have these on their skin.

Down
1. A very small fish
4. Great white __________.
5. A place where fish live (saltwater).
6. A fish with whiskers.
7. Fish need these to breathe.
9. A very long fish that looks like a snake.

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### Fish Crossword

**Across**

1. A fish with whiskers.
6. A fish that is born in a river, grows up in a sea for several years, and then goes back to the river to lay eggs.
8. A group of fish.
10. A fish that people eat out of cans.
12. An orange fish that is often kept as a pet.
14. A large ferocious shark.
18. A place where fish live (saltwater).

**Down**

2. Fish use these to swim.
3. Fish have these on their skin.
4. A very small fish
5. The biggest fish. (Hint: It's a shark).
7. A dangerous meat-eating fish from the Amazon River.
9. ______-blooded.
11. A fish that lives in an anemone.
14. Fish need these to breathe.
15. A very long fish that looks like a snake.
16. A place where fish live with fast, flowing water (freshwater).
17. A place where fish live with frogs and lily pads (freshwater).

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Largemouth Bass
This large-mouthed fish lives in many types of water habitats, but it prefers quiet warm rivers, lakes of ponds. It is seldom found in water deeper than 18 feet. Largemouth bass, as their name tells us, have a large terminal mouth with the upper jaw reaching past the center of the eye in adults. During breeding season, largemouth bass males are very protective of their underwater nest areas, not letting other males come near them. They are eager to attract females, however, which they do with special behavior and color pattern displays.