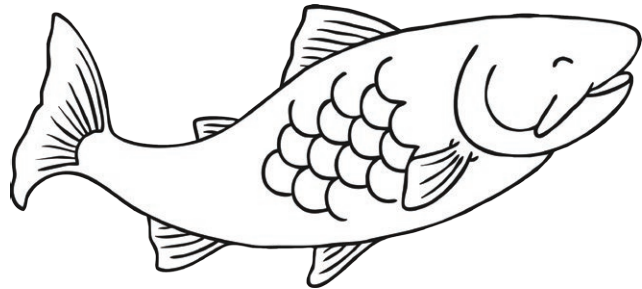
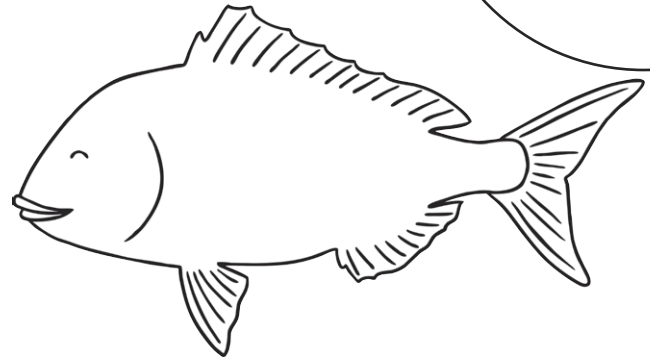
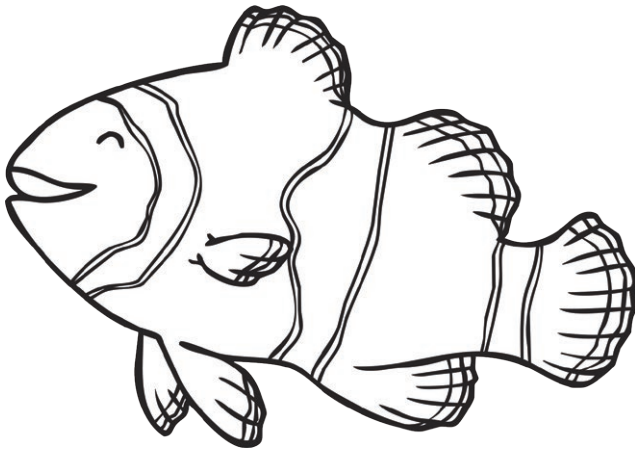
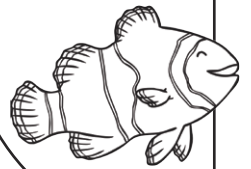


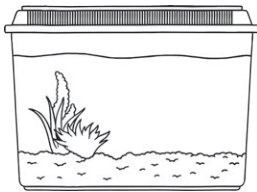
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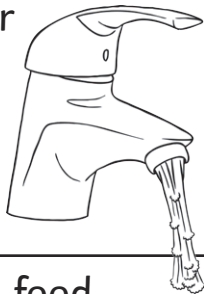


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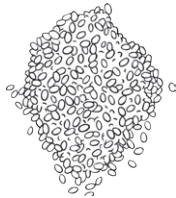
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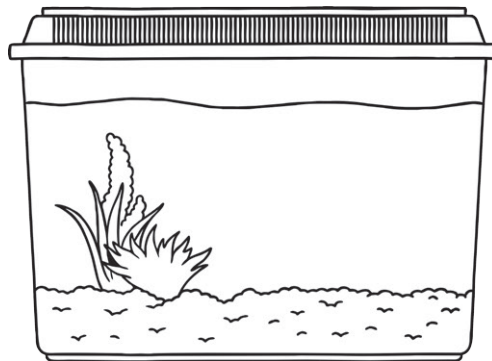
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somewhere to hide



Fish are good to watch because they can make you feel relaxed.



Pet fish need to live in clean water or they can become ill.



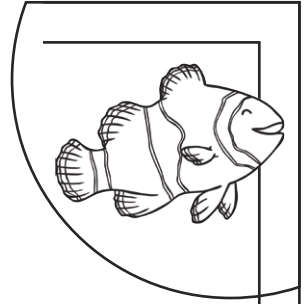
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sad
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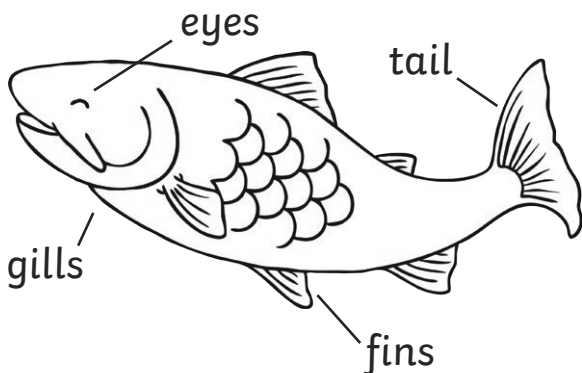
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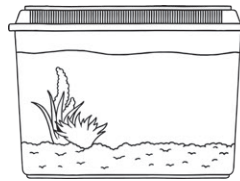
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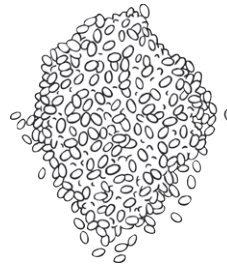
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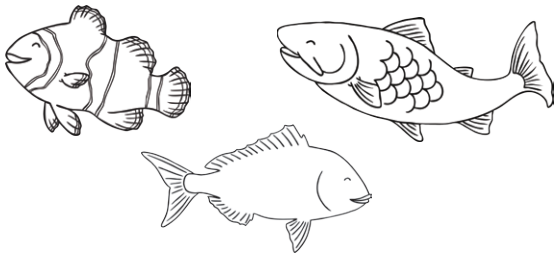
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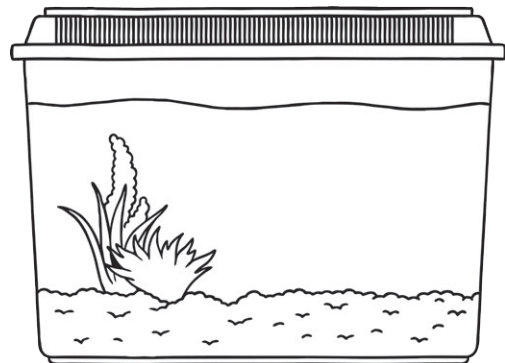


What do I need to remember about having my fish?



Different fish require different things. A goldfish needs cold water but other fish, like tropical fish, need warm water. Some fish need to be in salty water, like seawater, whereas other need fresh water.

How do I keep my fish healthy?



Fish breathe by taking in water through their gills. Therefore, it is vital for the water to be cleaned regularly. In a tank, the water is often cleaned by a filter.

Questions

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2. Fish do not need a lot of equipment.

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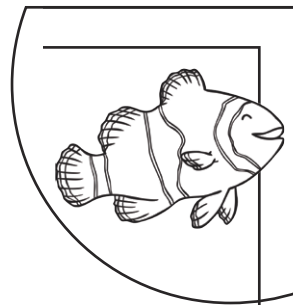
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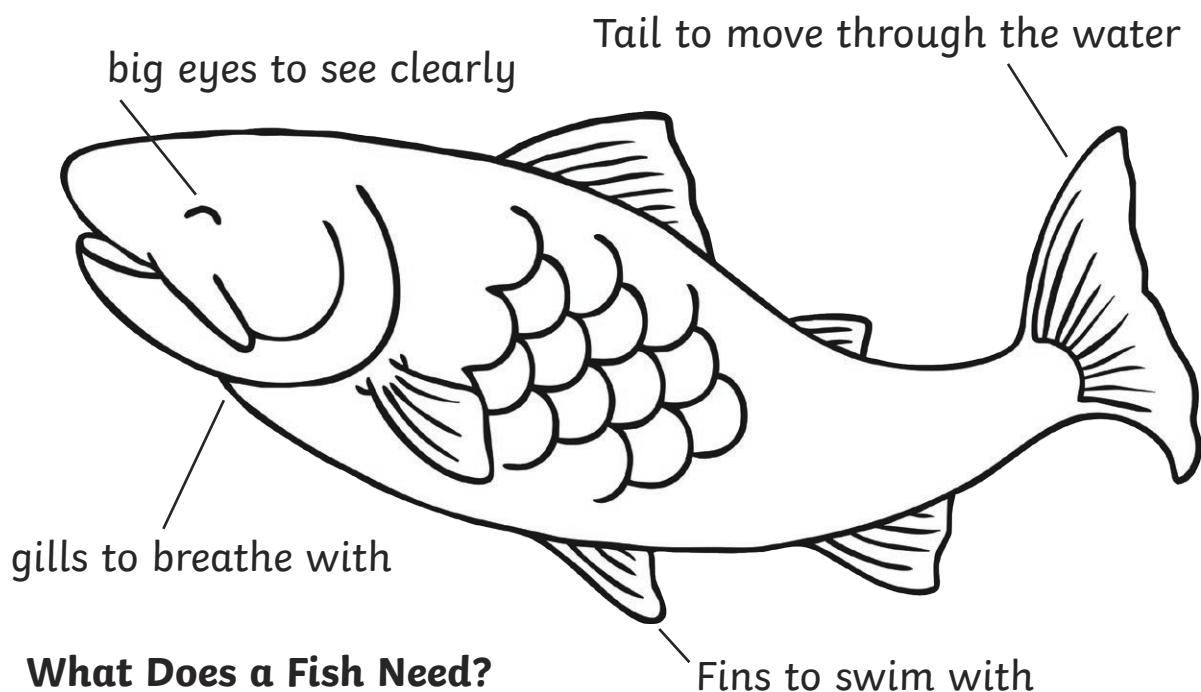
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Fish are very popular pets. Unlike dogs and cats, they are not soft and cuddly, but they are beautiful to watch and very calming.

What Does a Fish Look Like?

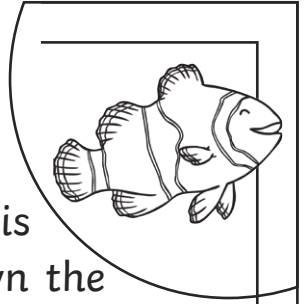
Fish, which come in a wide range of colours, are small animals that live in water. They move through the water using their fins and tails to help them. On the side, they have gills that they use to help them breathe underwater. Additionally, they have large eyes to help them look around.



What Does a Fish Need?

In the home, fish need to be kept in a fish tank. If there is just one fish, like a goldfish, then they can live in a fairly small tank but they need enough room to move freely. You may choose to keep lots of fish at one time, but if you do, you will need a large tank. Some fish live in cold water so their tank can be filled with water from the tap. Others need warm water to survive so their tank needs to have a special part that heats the water up. Some fish need fresh water, while others will need salt water in order to stay healthy.

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What Else Do I Need to Keep My Fish Healthy?

It is vital to keep the water in fish tanks clean. This is because fish breathe using their gills (small slits down the side of their bodies). If the water is dirty, they are 'breathing in' the dirt from the water, which can make them ill. Fish tanks need cleaning regularly by hand, or by using a filter.



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breathe

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2. Why would you need a large fish tank?

3. Why do some tanks need a water heater?

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Answers

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Some tanks need a water heater because some fish need to live in warm water to stay healthy.

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The fish might get ill from breathing in the dirt in the water.

6. In your opinion, would a fish be an easy pet to look after?

Answers will vary but children may suggest that fish are easy to care for as they do not need lots of equipment. Others may suggest that it is difficult to care for a pet because they might need a large tank, a filter, and a machine to keep the water warm, and you also have to keep the tank clean.