

Animal Classification — Fish (External Parts)

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Detailed study of fish as a vertebrate class. The child learns the external parts of a fish (fins, gills, scales, tail) and how each part helps the fish survive in water.

What You Need:

- Large fish picture or real fish
- Part labels: fin, gill, scales, tail, eye, mouth
- Fish diagram for labeling
- Pencil
- Magnifying glass
- Work mat

Steps:

1. 'We studied birds. Now let us explore FISH — vertebrates that live in water!'
2. Show a large fish image or a real fish (from the market). Name parts: fins, gills, scales, tail, eye, mouth.
3. 'Fish breathe through GILLS, not lungs. The gills take oxygen from the water.'
4. 'FINS help the fish swim — like your arms help you swim! The TAIL pushes the fish forward.'
5. 'SCALES protect the fish like tiny armor. Feel how smooth they are in one direction!'
6. Child labels a fish diagram.
7. Compare: how are fish different from birds?

Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular border occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for children to draw or write about the activity.

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