

December Animal

Learn: What features make a fish? Part 1

Read *About Fish* by Cathryn Sill

In the book we learned a lot about how fish can be different. But we also know that they have a lot of things the same. We can tell a fish from a bird or amphibian, but how? What makes a fish a fish?

Let's look at some of the special features that make a fish.

1. Fish have fins
2. Fish have gills to breathe underwater
3. Fish are cold-blooded
4. Fish often have scales.

Next time we will talk more about what each of these features mean.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Book: *About Mammals* by Cathryn Sill

December Award Time

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1. What features make insects special.

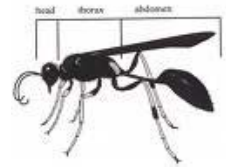
An insect is a very small animal. They have no backbones. They have their skeleton on the outside. Most insects walk, but some can fly and jump. Insects need water, air, and food to live.

2. How many legs do they have?

Insects have six legs.

3. How many body parts do they have?

Insects have three main body parts: head, thorax and abdomen.



4. How many eyes do they have?

Insects have 2 compound eyes that are made of many small lenses.



5. What do insects eat?

Just about anything! There are so many different insects and each one may eat something different. Lots of them eat plants. Some of them eat other insects. Some of them eat blood (like mosquitoes). Nectar from plants is also a popular food. And many insects (like cockroaches or ants) will be happy to polish off that cookie you dropped on the floor!

6. What food of ours do insects make?

Bees make honey.

7. Name two good and two bad insects.

Good:	Bees:	pollinate plants to help them grow
	Lady Bugs:	eat aphids which are harmful to plants
Harmful:	Termites:	eat the wood in houses and cause damage
	Flea	spreads disease



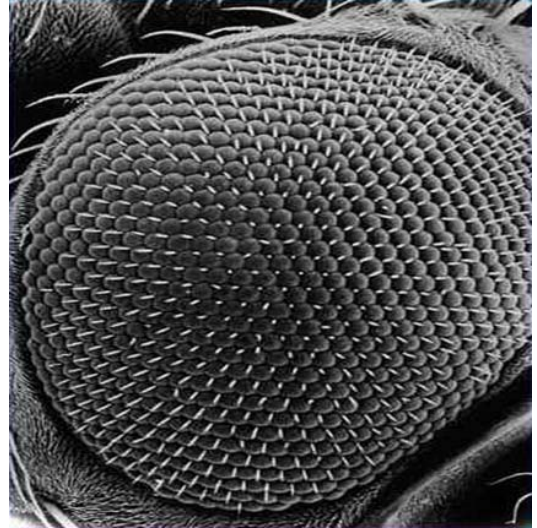
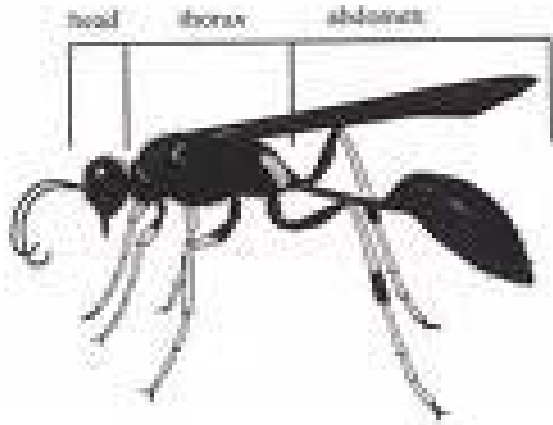
8. Where do insects live?

Insects live all around us. They live in our houses and in the fields. They thrive in water, and in forests, in the driest deserts, and in warm climates and cold.

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Healthy Foods

Healthy Foods # 5, 10

5. Name five foods from the dairy group.

Milk contains calcium, and calcium builds strong bones to last a lifetime, so you need these foods in your diet. It is also a supplemental source of protein.

* 4- to 8-year-olds need 2 cups of milk (or another calcium-rich food) each day.

If you want something other than milk, you can substitute yogurt, cheese, or calcium-fortified orange juice — just to name a few.

All fluid milk products and many foods made from milk are considered part of this food group.

Milk options are: fat-free (skim), low fat (1%), reduced fat (2%), whole milk

Cheese options are: Hard natural cheeses such as: cheddar, mozzarella, Swiss, and parmesan. There are also soft cheeses such as ricotta, cottage cheese, processed cheeses, and American.

Yogurt options are low fat, reduced fat, whole milk yogurt

10. Make a chart of the food groups putting in only foods you will eat.*

Using the food stickers, put the fruits you will eat on your pyramid.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Little Folks Felts—Food Groups

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Memory Verse

Proverbs 22:6

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (NIV)

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The parent should have taught this verse at home.
Your job is just to test the verse.

Beaver Bible

9. What is a concordance?

A concordance is a very useful tool for studying the Bible. Made up of word lists and formatted in alphabetical order, under each word there is a series of verses where that word can be found.

The original Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, for example, takes every single word of the KJV and lists where it can be found in the scriptures. Concordances are great for topical studies or to locate a scripture verse according to words when the chapter and verse can't be recalled.

Now that we have computers, the searches are faster and easier than before. It took a long time for people to make concordances.

10. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" from memory.

Teaching Aids Needed:

Bible