

The Fish Body (p. 746 - 757)

I. Key Characteristics Of Modern Fishes (24,000 species)

1. List three characteristics shared by all fish species.

1. Possess gills 2. Single-Loop Circulation 3. Vertebral Column
(Backbone + Spinal Cord)

II. Gills

1. The main respiratory organ of a fish is the gill.

2. Differentiate between gill filaments and gill slits.

Gill Filaments : Rows of finger-like projections (Gas enters + leaves blood)

Gill Slits : Opening at the rear of the cheek cavity
(Water flow)

3. Define the term countercurrent flow.

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Countercurrent Flow - process of water passing over gills in one direction as blood flows in opposite direction through capillaries in gills

III. Circulation Of Blood

1. What type of heart does a fish possess? Chamber - Pump Heart

2. Match each heart term with the correct definitions.

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| 1. <u>D.</u> | Sinus Venosus | A. Large chamber with thin, muscular walls. |
| 2. <u>A.</u> | Atrium | B. Thick-walled pump; sends blood to rest of body. |
| 3. <u>B.</u> | Ventricle | C. Pump that smoothes pulsations & adds force. |
| 4. <u>C.</u> | Conus Arteriosus | D. Collection chamber; reduces blood flow to heart. |

3. What type of circulation do fishes have?

Circle One :

Double-Loop Circulation

Single-Loop Circulation

IV. Kidneys

1. What is a key evolutionary challenge facing all vertebrates?

- Minimizing dehydration (Water Loss)

2. What does each type of fish need to do maintain a proper salt (ion) and water balance?

(Lose water) → Saltwater Fish : Pump excess ions out of the body

(Gain water) → Freshwater Fish : Kidneys concentrate wastes (return water to water)

3. What two organs play a major role in maintaining a salt / water balance.

1. Gills

2. Kidneys
(made up of nephrons)

4. Define the term nephrons.

Nephrons - tube-like units that regulate the body's salt + water balance (removes metabolic wastes from blood)

- Brian
- Nate + Carp
- Arctic + Salmon
- Fishing + Casting
Vertebral Column
(Backbone + Spinal Cord)

V. Reproduction

1. Where does reproduction generally occur in fish species?

Circle One :

External Fertilization

Internal Fertilization

Oviparous - salmon (eggs)
 Ooviparous - guppies / like (kangaroo)
 Viviparous - sharks
 (like most mammals)

2. Describe the process of spawning.

- Release of male + female gametes in water

(Most hatchlings become food for larger fish)

VI. Today's Fishes (p. 751 – 757)

1. Complete the compare-and-contrast table of groups of fishes.

Type	Description	Examples
Jawless Fishes (Class Agnatha)	Scaleless, eel-like bodies; Multiple gill slits; Unpaired fins; Keep notochord as adults	Hagfishes + Lampreys
Cartilaginous Fishes (Class Chondrichthyes)	Skeletons made entirely of cartilage; tooth-like scales cover the skin	Sharks, Rays, Skates, Sawfish, Chimaeras
Bony Fishes (Class Osteichthyes)	Skeletons made of hard, calcified tissue called bone.	Ray-finned fishes (flounder, angelfish); Flying fish; Lobe-finned fishes (lungfish, coelacanth)

2. Match each term with the correct definitions.

Senses vibrations

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| 1. <u>B.</u> | Lateral Line | A. Gas sac that regulates buoyancy. |
| 2. <u>D.</u> | Operculum | B. Sensory system; extends along sides of bony fish. |
| 3. <u>A.</u> | Swim Bladder | C. Fish with mobile fins, thin scales, & symmetrical tails. |
| 4. <u>C.</u> | Teleosts | D. Hard plate; covers the gills on sides of the head. |

3. Match each type of fish with the correct characteristics.

Replace 20,000 teeth during a lifetime

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| 1. <u>E.</u> | Hagfishes | A. Parasite; uses suction-cup structures to attach to hosts. |
| 2. <u>A.</u> | Lampreys | B. Flat, kite-shaped fish with venomous barbs. |
| 3. <u>G.</u> | Sharks | C. Bony, marine, lobe-finned fish. |
| 4. <u>B.</u> | Rays | D. Bony, freshwater, ray-finned fish. |
| 5. <u>F.</u> | Skates | E. Scavengers of dead animals on the ocean floor. |
| 6. <u>D.</u> | Yellow Perch | F. Smaller, flat, triangular-shaped fish without barbs. |
| 7. <u>C.</u> | Coelacanth | G. Possesses 6 to 10 rows of razor-sharp teeth. |

4. About 95% of all living fish species are teleosts.

Circle One :

True

False