

3. Answers will vary. Students should understand that the ability to breathe air might allow a species to survive if removed from water, to live in water with poor oxygen quality, and to survive droughts.

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1. Answers will vary. Fins, scales, gill slots, and body shape are possible answers.

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1. What visible characteristics of a fish seem to be adaptations to living in water?
2. Would you classify any animal that was well adapted to water as a fish? Explain your answer.
3. Some fish species have the ability to breathe in the atmosphere. What advantage do you think this might give them?