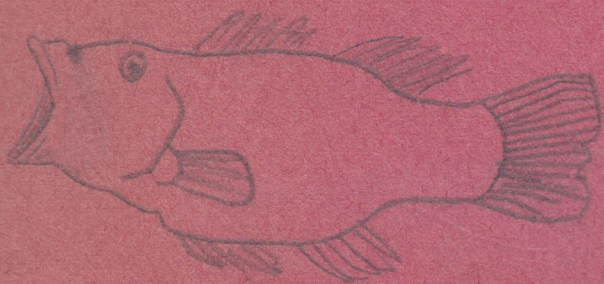


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Fish

Fish have skeletons. The first fish had cartilage instead of bone.

A fish breathes by means of gills, which are organs on the sides of its head. Perhaps you have seen a fish in an aquarium opening and closing his mouth. The fish was taking in water through its mouth. From the mouth, the water passes through the gills. In the gills, oxygen from the air dissolved in the water passes into the fish's blood stream.



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Amphibians

Amphibians are cold-blooded animals that can live on land but begin their lives in water. Frogs, toads, and salamanders are amphibians.

Most amphibians are hatched from eggs in water. The newly hatched amphibians have gills and breathe in water like fish.

After a while, lungs develop and they live on land.



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Reptiles

Alligators, crocodiles, lizards, turtles, and snakes are reptiles. Most reptiles hatch from eggs covered with a protective shell. Other reptiles are born alive. The newly hatched reptiles look like adult reptiles except that the young are much smaller. Reptiles do not go through the same kind of changes that amphibians.



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Birds

A characteristic that sets birds apart from all other kinds of animals is that birds have feathers. On the outside of its body, a bird has large feathers. They are stiff and springy, with strong shafts running down the middle. The outer feathers give a bird's wing its resistance to air, permitting it to fly. These feathers also form a bird's tail, which serves as a rudder when a bird is in flight.



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Mammals

The animals with the most highly developed bodies are the mammals. The bodies of most mammals are covered with hair. Almost all mammals are born alive and look much like their mothers and fathers. The adult mammals take care of their young until the young are old enough to take care of themselves. The mother mammal nurses her young with milk from her own body.



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