



5 Fantastic Fish

1 Many amazing fish can be found in the sea. Some are super fast while others just like to stick around. Some can fly, while

others like to shock. One can even shoot! Come and meet five fantastic fish.

2 The **sailfish** is the fastest fish in the world. It can swim at almost 100 km per hour. This is faster than most speedboats. I wonder if they ever get any speeding tickets? They are big, too. Some can grow up to three metres long.



3 Here's one brave fish. The **remora** likes to hang out with sharks. They eat the leftovers from the shark's meal. Remoras have suckers so they can hang onto the sharks. These suckers are so strong, the shark cannot shake them off.



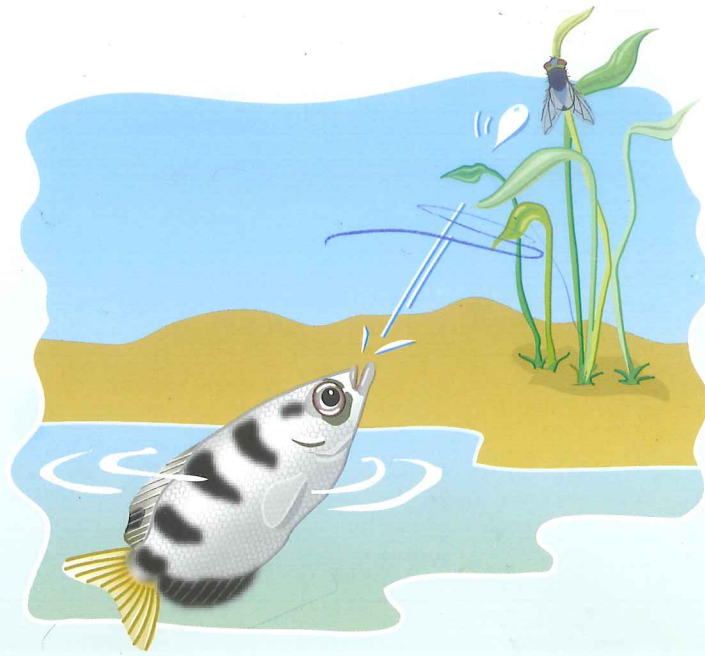
4 **Flying fish** don't really fly, but it can look like they do. They leap out of the water at more than 60 km per hour. Then they glide by spreading out their fins and using them like little wings. Flying fish have been known to glide for more than 100 metres. That's as long as a football field!



5 The **electric eel** catches dinner by zapping fish with its tail. The electricity stuns the smaller fish. Stunned fish can't swim away, so they become fish food. How shocking!



- 6 The **archerfish** gets its name from the sport of archery. In that sport an archer shoots an arrow at a target. The archerfish doesn't use an arrow. It swims to the surface and shoots small drops of water or spit. It likes to shoot at dragonflies and other small flying insects. The target will fall into the water when it's hit. Guess who gobbles it up?
- 7 Imagine if these fish teamed up. They could be ocean superheroes. They could call themselves the Fantastic Five. Pirates, watch out!



Questions

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| 1 How many fantastic fish are mentioned in this text?
a four
b five
c six | 4 How fast can the flying fish travel?
a 40 km per hour
b 60 km per hour
c 100 km per hour |
| 2 Which fish might get a speeding ticket?
a the sailfish
b the flying fish
c the archerfish | 5 Which fish gets its name from a sport?
a the remora
b the flying fish
c the archerfish |
| 3 Which fish glide?
a the sailfish
b the flying fish
c the archerfish | 6 Most of the fish use their fantastic skills to
a catch pirates.
b catch dinner.
c travel around quickly. |

Vocabulary

Match the words from the text to the clues.
The brackets show the text sections ().

fast meal sport surface leap

- 7 Soccer is an example of this (6)
8 The opposite of slow (1)
9 To jump through the air (4)
10 Something you eat during the day (3)
11 The top of something, e.g. the ocean (6)

Grammar

A **compound word** is made of two separate words, e.g. *afternoon*.

Make compound words from the following lists.

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| 12 speed | heroes |
| 13 foot | boats |
| 14 super | flies |
| 15 dragon | ball |

Back To The Text...

- 16 Which of the fish 'hang out' with dangerous friends?
a Shocker b Suction
- 17 On the front cover the illustrator has tried to make the fish look like
a Super Sharks. b Super Heroes.

- 18 "Speedy" is really the
a sailfish. b flying fish.

Cloze

Fast Feathers

Choose from the following words to complete this cloze passage.

fastest water
birds catches feathered

Some 19 can move quickly by air, land or sea. In the air there is no animal faster than the peregrine falcon. This 20 rocket can dive at 260 km/h. This is how it 21 its prey. The huge ostrich is the 22 bird on land. It can run along at 70 km/h. In the 23 no other bird can match the penguin for speed.

Challenge Option

Research: Find another animal that has a special talent like the fantastic fish.

