

# **Fish**

There are more than 20 000 kinds of fish. Fish live in water. They must stay in water or they will die. Fish get their oxygen out of the water. They have gills to help them breathe under water. Fish bodies are covered with scales. They have fins and a tail to help them swim. Fish have a backbone and an inside skeleton. Most fish are hatched from eggs. Female fish lay their eggs, and then swim away. They do not take care of their offspring. When fish hatch most are ready to take care of themselves.