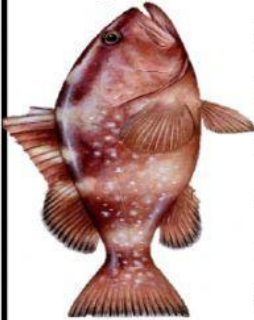


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Reading Comprehension

Fish

Fish live in water. They are covered with **scales** and have fins. **Fins** help them move through the water. Fish breathe through their **gills** and they **lay eggs**. Fish are **cold blooded** animals. This means that their body temperature changes as their environments change.



The **Nassau Grouper** is one of the largest fish on the coral reef. It has five dark brown bars on the body and a dark band running from the snout, through the eye to the forehead side of the dorsal fin and a dark spot on the base of the tail fin. It changes color depending on the environment it is in. This helps to hide it so it can ambush fish to eat.

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions below.

1. Where do fish live? _____
2. What are fish covered with?
hair scales fur skin
3. How do fish breathe?
(a) They breathe through their lungs.
(b) They do not need to breathe.
(c) They breathe through their gills.
4. How do fish reproduce (have young)?
(a) They give birth to their young.
(b) They steal their young.
(c) They lay eggs.
5. What is the meaning of the term cold blooded?
(a) Their body temperature changes.
(b) Their body temperature does not change.
(c) Their blood is put in the freezer to stay cold.
6. Which of these is NOT a feature of the Nassau Grouper?
(a) They have 5 dark brown bars on their bodies.
(b) They have a colorful band running from their snout.
(c) They have a dark spot on their tail fin.