

# Cloze Activity



Read the passage below and fill in the blanks.

(Please note, only one word is to be filled in for each blank)

**Top tip:** Check your work! Read over the passage when you have completed the task.

## All About Fish

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### Fascinating Facts

- Fish are covered in scales and slime, which helps them to swim through the water.
- African lungfish cover \_\_\_\_\_ in a mud tunnel underneath the water in the lake they live in. After their lake has dried up, they can live for years buried in the mud, breathing air and waiting for it to rain and fill the lake with water \_\_\_\_\_.

### Where Do They Live?

Fish are found in all of the world's seas and oceans from the warm tropical seas to the icy polar waters. The type of fish they are \_\_\_\_\_ on where they choose to live. Some fish prefer living in-between coral and plants or further down towards the bottom of the sea, resting on the sandy \_\_\_\_\_. Others prefer to live near the surface of the water.

### What Do They Eat?

Fish eat different kinds of food. Some fish eat plants that grow in the sea or algae from the side of rocks. Whilst \_\_\_\_\_, such as the shark, eat other fish and animals, including humans.

### Staying Safe

Flatfish, such as halibut, flounder, turbot and sole, can change their colours and patterns so they \_\_\_\_\_ in with their surroundings. They often bury themselves in the sand so they are not seen. Balloon fish and pufferfish can blow their bodies up and \_\_\_\_\_ sharp spines and scales to defend themselves.

Score: /10

# Cloze Activity Answers

(Please note that some of the answers can differ from the answers below. Accept other suitable words if the children use them)

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