



Fish - Grades 9-10

External Anatomy - Vocabulary

Anal Fin - Fin on lower side of the body near the tail.

Barbel - Whisker-like appendage near the mouth of a fish, used to locate food.

Caudal Fin - The tail fin, used primarily for propulsion.

Dorsal Fin - Fin on upper side of body that helps to keep fish stable in the water.

Lateral Line - Series of sensory pores located along the side of a fish that detect movement in the water.

Operculum - Bony plate that covers the gills.

Pectoral Fins - Pair of fins on each side of the body, usually used for turning.

Pelvic Fins - Pair of fins on the lower side of the body near the head