

Chapter 28 Fishes and Amphibians

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Characteristics of Vertebrates

- Vertebrates have a vertebral column and specialized cells that develop from the nerve cord.
- The vertebral column, or spinal column, is the hallmark feature of vertebrates.
- Classes of vertebrates include fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

Vertebral Column

- A vertebral column made of cartilage or bone surrounds and protects the dorsal nerve cord.
- The vertebral column functions as a strong, flexible rod that muscles can pull against during swimming or running.

Neural Crest

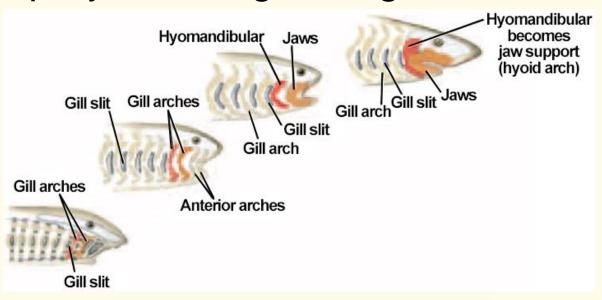
- A neural crest is a group of cells that develop from the nerve cord in vertebrates.
- Portions of the brain and skull, certain sense organs, and some nerve fibers are some of the structures that develop from the neural crest.

Characteristics of Fishes

- Fishes are found in a variety of habitats including seas, lakes, ponds, streams, and marshes.
- Most fishes have vertebral columns, jaws, paired fins, scales, gills, and single-loop blood circulation.

Jaws

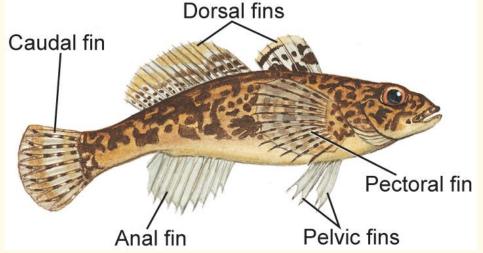
- Anterior gill arches evolved into jaws in ancient fishes.
- The development of jaws allowed ancient fishes to prey on a larger range of animals.



Paired Fins

A fin is a paddle-shaped structure on a fish or

other aquatic animal that is used for balance, steering, and propulsion.

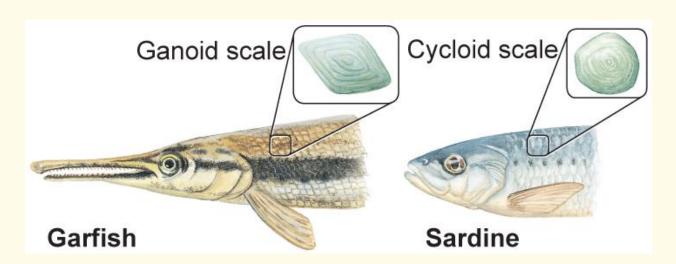


Paired fins reduce the chance of rolling to the side and allow for better steering during swimming.

Scales

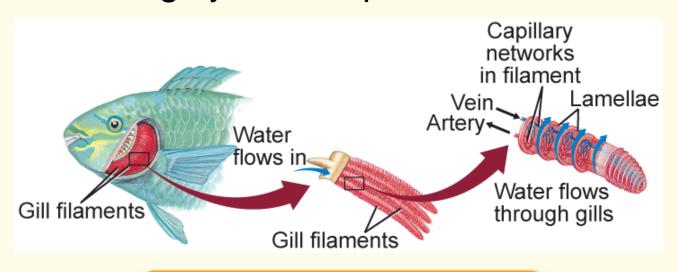
- There are four types of fish scales.
 - Ctenoid scales
 - Cycloid scales

- Placoid scales
- Ganoid scales



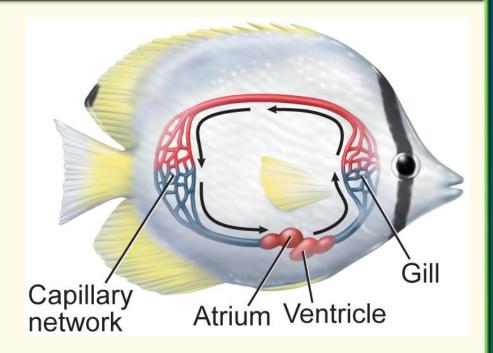
Gills

- Fishes get oxygen when water that enters their mouths flows across their gills, where oxygen from the water diffuses into the blood.
- Gills are composed of thin filaments that are covered with highly-folded, platelike lamellae.

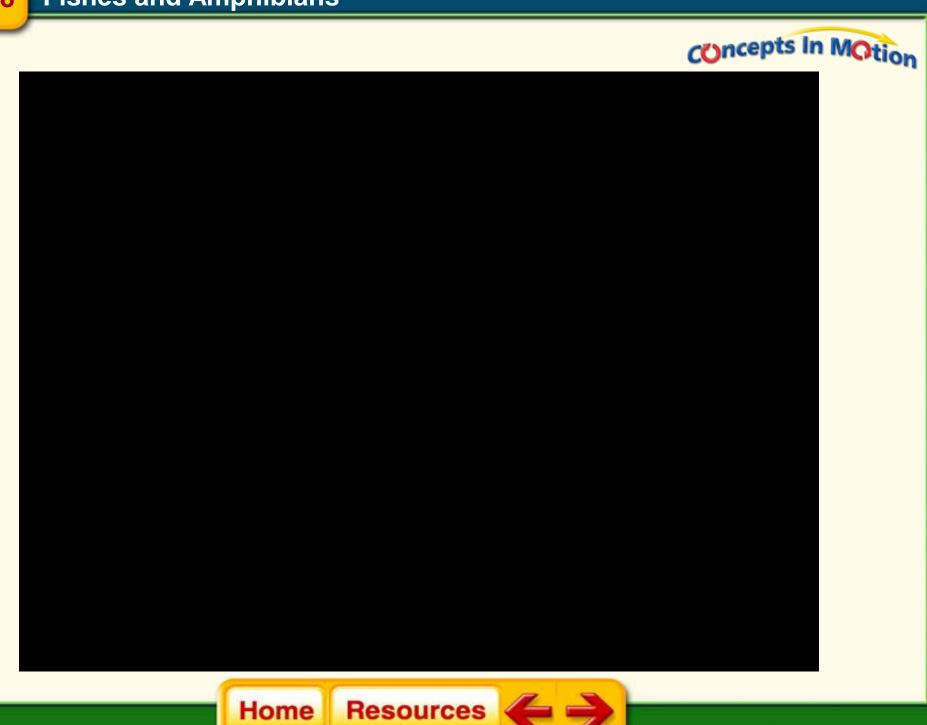


Circulation

 Vertebrates have a closed circulatory system.

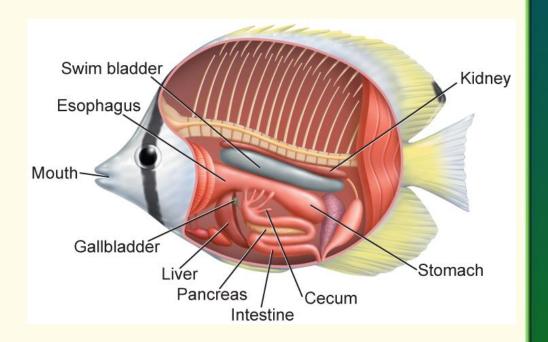


In most fishes, the heart consists of two main chambers—the atrium and the ventricle.



Feeding and Digestion

• Most fishes swallow their food whole, passing it through a tube called the esophagus to the stomach, where digestion begins.

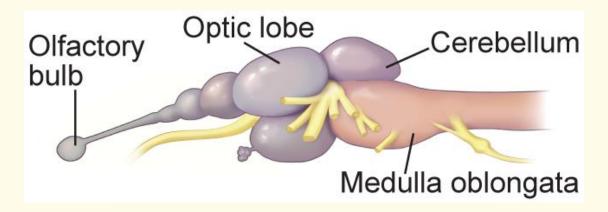


Excretion

- Cellular wastes are filtered from fishes' blood by the kidneys.
- A nephron is a filtering unit within the kidney that helps maintain the salt and water balance of the body and to remove cellular waste products from the blood.

The Brain and Senses

- Color vision, chemical detection, hearing, and balance are coordinating in the brain.
- The lateral line system is a special sensor that allows fish to detect even the slightest movements in water.



Reproduction

- The majority of fishes reproduce through external fertilization.
- Male and female fishes release their gametes near each other in the water in a process called spawning.

Movement

- Fishes are well adapted to swimming in the water.
 - Streamlined shape
 - Paired fins
 - Swim bladder
- Fishes move through the water by contracting muscle groups on either side of their bodies.

Classes of Fishes

- Scientists have grouped fishes into three classes based on their body structure.
 - Jawless fishes
 - Cartilaginous fishes
 - Bony fishes

Jawless Fishes

 Hagfish feed on soft-bodied invertebrates and dead or dying fish on the sea floor.

Lampreys are parasites that feed by attaching

themselves to other fishes.



Lamprey

Cartilaginous Fishes

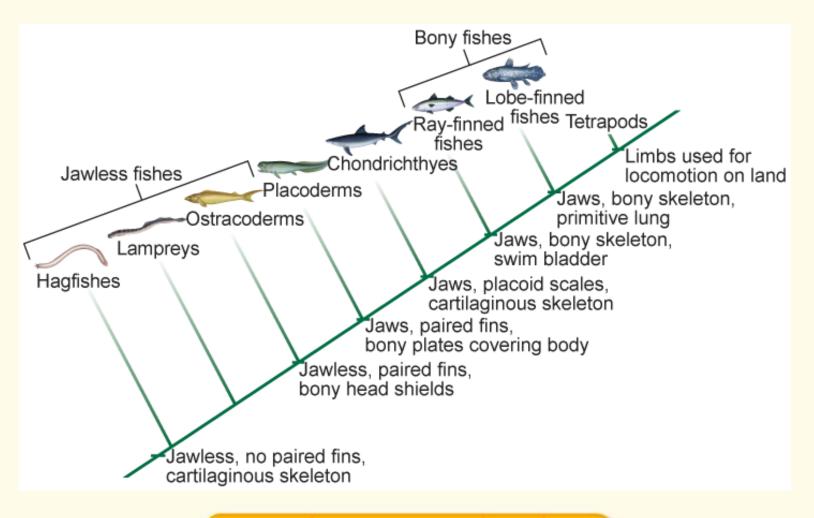
- All cartilaginous fishes have skeletons made of cartilage.
- The flexible skeleton, rows of sharp teeth, a streamlined body, and placoid scales make sharks one of the top predators in the sea.
- Skates and rays have flattened bodies that are adapted for living on the ocean floor.

Bony Fishes

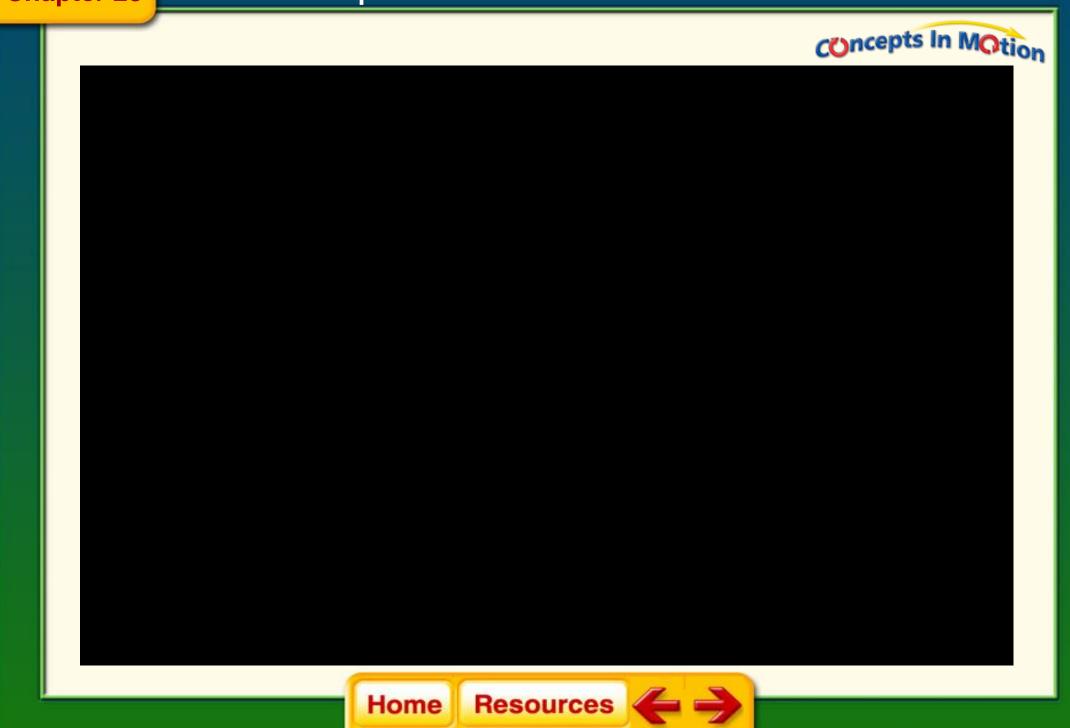
- There are two groups of bony fishes: the rayfinned fishes and the lobe-finned fishes.
- Thin, spinelike rays support the fins of ray-finned fishes.
- Lobe-finned fishes have muscular lobes and joints similar to those of land vertebrates.



Evolution of Fishes



Adaptations to Land		
Conditions in Water	Conditions on Land	Terrestrial Vertebrate Adaptations
Water exerts a buoyant force that counters the force of gravity.	 Air is about 1000 times less buoyant than water. Animals must move against gravity. 	Limbs develop and the skeletal and muscular systems of terrestrial ani- mals become stronger.
Oxygen is dissolved in water and must be removed by gills through countercurrent circulation		With lungs, terrestrial animals can get oxygen from air more efficiently than from water.
Water retains heat, so the temperature of wat does not change quickl	'	Terrestrial animals develop behavioral and physical adaptations to protect themselves from extreme temperatures.



Characteristics of Amphibians

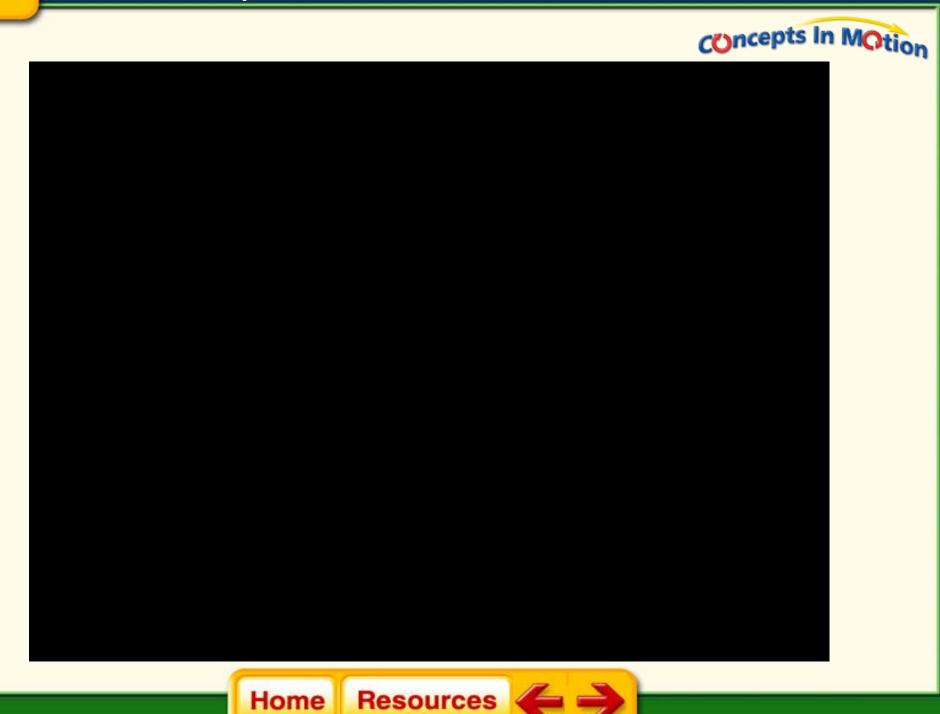
- Most amphibians begin life as aquatic organisms.
- After metamorphosis, they are equipped to live life on land.



Tadpole



Frog



Feeding and Digestion

- Most frog larvae are herbivores, whereas salamander larvae are carnivores.
- As adults, their diets are similar as both groups become predators.
- The digestive system of an amphibian is very similar to that of a fish.

Excretion

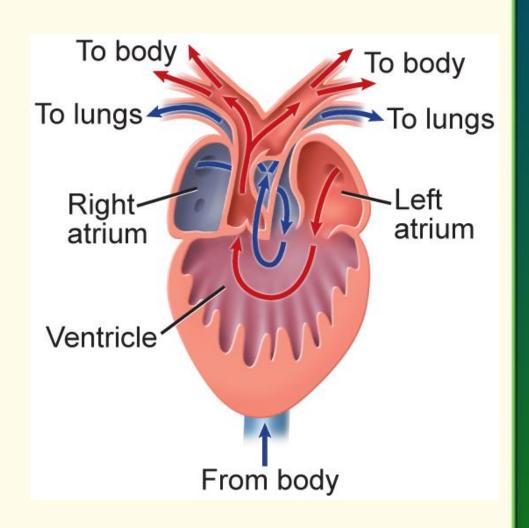
- Amphibians filter wastes from the blood through their kidneys, and excrete either ammonia or urea as the waste product.
- Ammonia is excreted by amphibians that live in the water.
- Urea is stored in the urinary bladder until it is eliminated from the body through the cloaca.

Respiration

- As larvae, most amphibians exchange gases through their skin and gills.
- As adults, most breathe through lungs, their thin, moist skin, and cavities in the mouth.

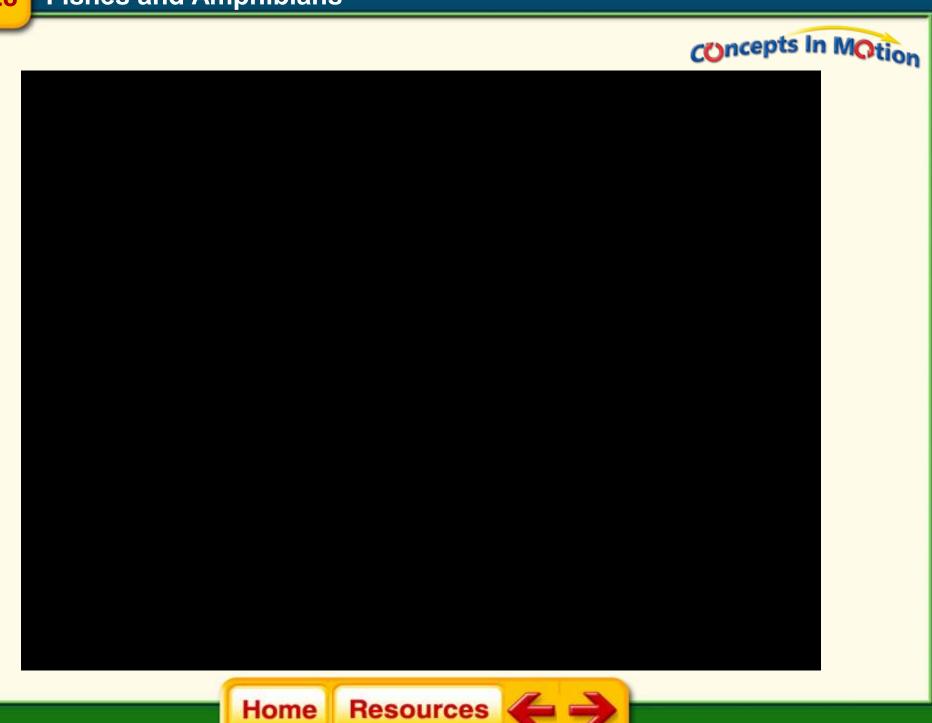
Circulation

- Amphibians have a double-loop circulatory system.
- Amphibians have three-chambered hearts.



The Brain and Senses

- Amphibians use sight to locate and capture prey that fly at high speeds and to escape predators.
- Frogs have nictitating membranes that protect their eyes.
- Frogs use their tympanic membrane to hear highpitched sounds and to amplify sounds from the vocal cords.



Reproduction and Development

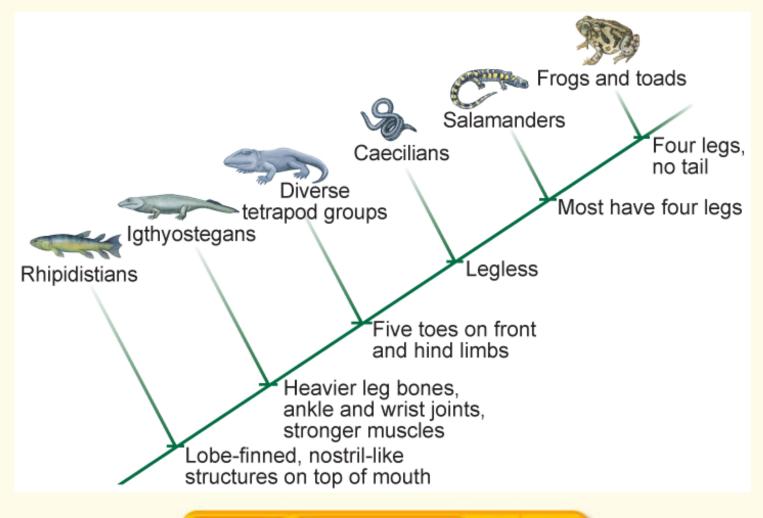
- In most amphibians, fertilization is external and the shell-less eggs must be laid and fertilized in water.
- Tadpoles hatch from the egg and undergo metamorphosis from a fishlike animal to an air-breathing one.



Amphibian Diversity

- Scientists classify modern amphibians into three orders.
 - Order Anura includes frogs and toads.
 - Order Caudata includes salamanders and newts.
 - Order Gymnophiona includes caecilians.

Evolution of Amphibians



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What body part developed in terrestrial vertebrates and functions like the lateral line system in fish?

- A. lungs
- (B.) ears
 - C. limbs
 - D. cloaca

Chapter DiagnosticQuestions



Which is *not* a characteristic of fish?

- A. jaws
- B. gills
- C. vertebral columns
- O) open circulatory system

Chapter Diagnostic Questions



Identify the function of the pyloric cecum.

- (A.) secrete enzymes for digestion
 - B. synthesize amino acids
 - C. filter wastes
 - D. circulate blood



Why is a vertebral column an important adaptation in vertebrate animals?

- A. It enhances an animal's movement.
- B. It decreases the need for muscles.
- C) It protects the ventral notochord.
 - D. It increases the efficiency of the exoskeleton.



What is one important thing that fishes cannot do?

- A. secrete enzymes for digestion
- B) synthesize certain amino acids
 - C. absorb nutrients into their bloodstream
 - D. adjust the water balance in their bodies



What enables a fish to detect movement in the water?

- A. optic system
- B. olfactory system
- C) lateral line system
 - D. medulla oblongata



What does a fish use to regulate buoyancy?

- A. cecum
- B. gallbladder
- C. float regulator
- D. swim bladder



Which fish is a parasite?

- A. hagfish
- B. lamprey
 - C. skate
 - D. coelacanth



What is a shark's skeleton composed of?

- A. bone
- B. chitin
- C) cartilage
 - D. notochord



Which group of fishes contains members that have lungs?

- A. cartilaginous fishes
- B. jawless fishes
- C. lobe-finned fishes
 - D. ray-finned fishes



Which fish is a 70 million-year-old "living fossil" that was caught off the coast of South Africa?

- (A.) Coelacanth
 - B. Ostracoderm
 - C. Placoderm
 - D. Sarcopterygus



How is a frog able to survive the winter at the bottom of a frozen pond?

- (A.) It breathes through its skin.
 - B. It develops gills for absorbing oxygen.
 - C. Its circulatory system shuts down.
 - D. Its lungs extract oxygen from the water.



How many heart chambers does an amphibian have?

- A. one atrium and one ventricle
- B) two atria and one ventricle
 - C. one atrium and two ventricles
 - D. two atria and two ventricles



What part of an amphibian's body does the nictitating membrane cover?

- A. eardrums
- B. eyes
 - C. skin
 - D. lungs



What does an amphibian sense with its tympanic membrane?

- A. light
- B. movement
- C. sound
 - D. taste



What is the name for an organism that obtains its body heat from its external environment?

- A. cold-blooded
- B. endotherm
 - C. exotherm
 - D. dermotherm



Which is a global factor that might be causing a decline in amphibian populations worldwide?

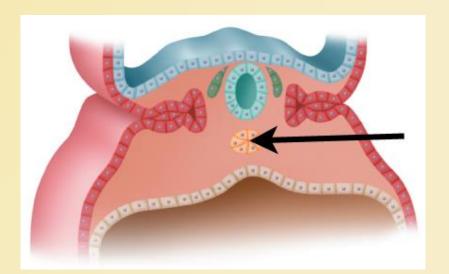
- A. decreasing temperature
- B. exotic competitors
- C. longer dry seasons
 - D. habitat destruction

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Name the structure of the vertebral column shown.

- A. neural crest
- (B.) notochord
 - C. nerve cord
 - D. ectoderm



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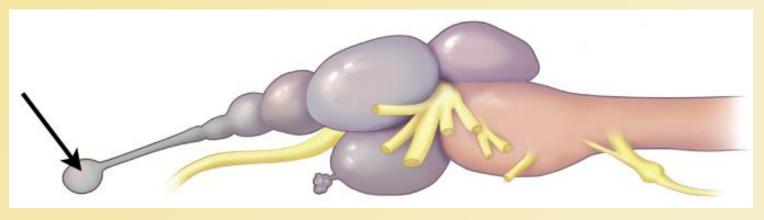
Which is not a characteristic of the circulatory system of amphibians?

- (A.) two-chambered heart
 - B. double loop system
 - C. undivided ventricle
 - D. right atrium receives deoxygenated blood from the body

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What structure is indicated?



- A. cerebellum
- B. medulla oblongata
- C. optic lobe
- D. olfactory bulb

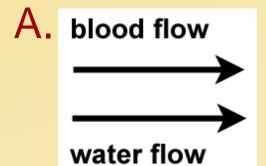


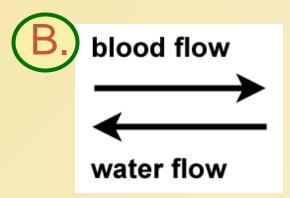
What level of classification is Vertebrata?

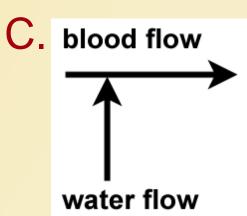
- A. subkingdom
- B. phylum
- C. subphylum
 - D. superclass



Which shows the direction of blood flow through a gill in relation to water flow over the gill surface?

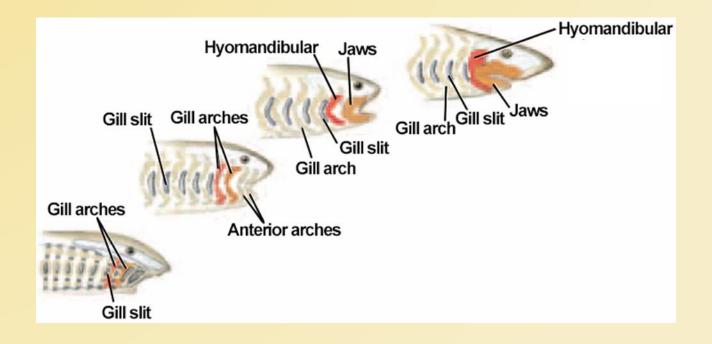




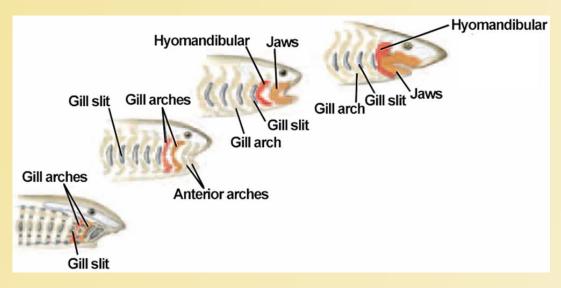




Which structures evolved to form jaws in ancient fishes?







- (A.) gill arches
 - B. gill slits
 - C. hyoid arch
 - D. hyomandibular



How does blood flow through a fish's body?

- A. heart → body → gills → heart
- (B) heart → gills → body → heart
 - C. heart → gills → heart → body





The operculum are gill structures which contain many blood vessels.



What is the *first* thing a shark is able to sense when it is still a great distance from its prey?

- A. bioelectrical fields
- B) chemicals in the water
 - C. vibrations in the water
 - D. visual images of its prey



Why is the production of large numbers of eggs an important adaptation for some fishes?

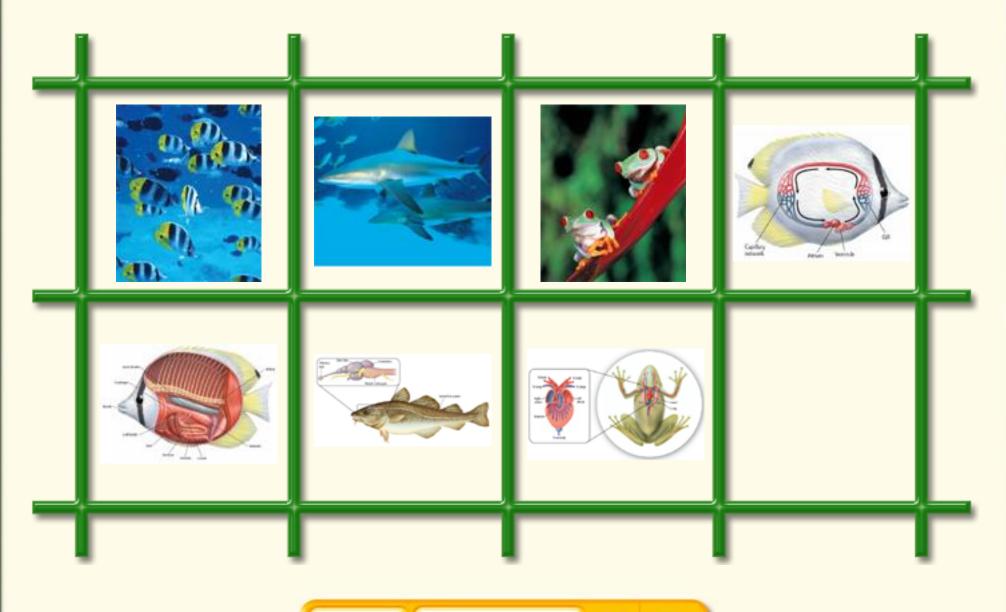
- A. Their offspring are developed internally.
- B. They reproduce by internal fertilization.
- C. Their eggs and juveniles are prey to other animals.
 - D. They guard their fertilized eggs from predators.



Which amphibian, when picked up by a dog, may cause the dog to get sick and vomit?

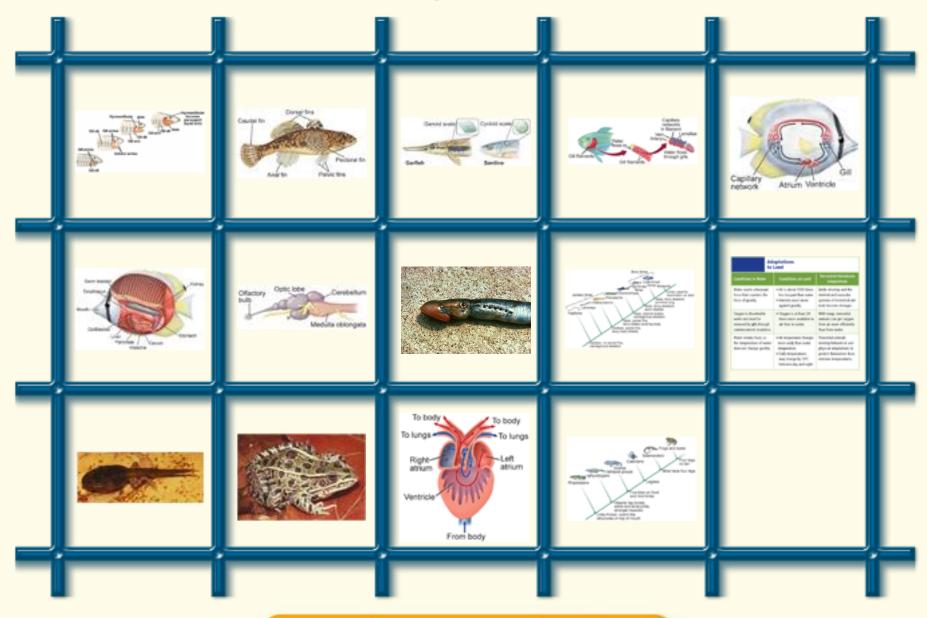
- A. frog
- B. newt
- C. toad
 - D. salamander

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