

Fish Defenses

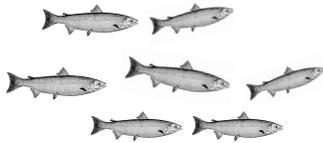
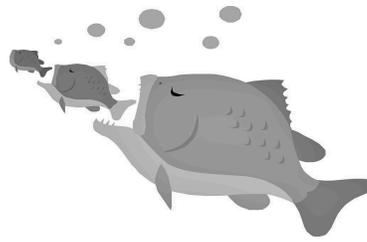
How do fish avoid being eaten by predators?
Here are some ways they do it.

Find each fish in the Aquarium.

Read the signs over the tanks to help you.

Draw a line from each fish below to the words that describe how it protects itself.

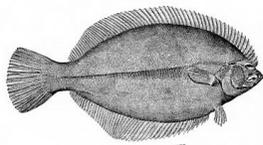
(You might see more than one defense that a fish has and draw two or three lines to it.)



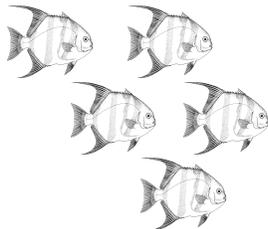
Atlantic Salmon •



Burrfish •



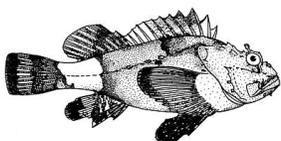
Flounder •



Spadefish •



Tautog •



Scorpionfish

- Its **color and pattern** match the background, making it hard for a predator to see. **Camouflage!**

- Has **poisonous spines**.

- **Swims in a school**. This can confuse a predator and also lessen the chances for any one fish to be caught.

- Can **puff up to look bigger** and frightening.

- Has **stripes and blotches** that break up its outline, making it hard to see.

- Is **covered with prickly** spines that are not poisonous.