

ANGLER ACTIVITY BOOK



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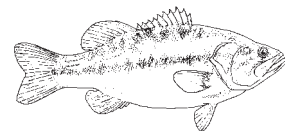
WHERE DO I LIVE?

Below are some common fish you may catch when you go fishing. Which live in Saltwater? Which in Freshwater?

Draw a line connecting the fish with where they live.

FRESHWATER

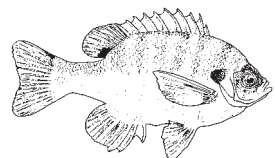
SALTWATER



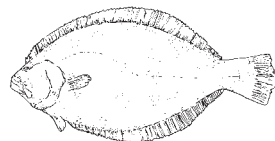
a. Largemouth Bass



b. Red Drum



c. Bluegill Sunfish



d. Southern Flounder



e. Spotted Seatrout

Freshwater: a, c
Saltwater: b, d, e

HABITAT WORD FIND

Fishing is best in water that provides good fish habitat:

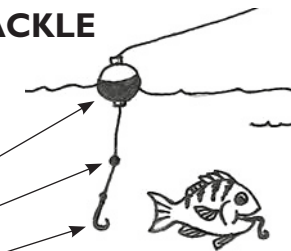
FOOD SHELTER WATER
SPACE OXYGEN



BASIC TACKLE

See if you can label the following types of basic tackle:

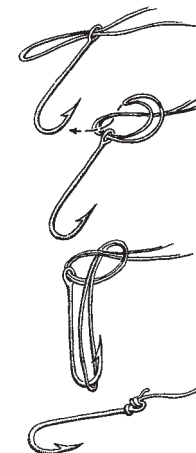
- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____



PALOMAR KNOT

The easiest to tie and the strongest knot known to hold terminal tackle.

1. Double 4 inches of line to form a loop and pass the loop through the eye of the fishing hook. Let the hook hang loose.
2. Tie an overhand knot in the doubled line. Don't twist or tighten line.
3. Pull the loop far enough to pass it completely over the hook.
4. Wet the line.
5. Hold the hook carefully and pull the loose end with the standing line slowly to tighten the loose end.



a. bobber b. sinker c. hook

FISHING SAFETY TIPS



Always go fishing with an adult. Use the “buddy system” when fishing.

Wear a properly fitting Personal Floatation Device (PFD or life jacket).



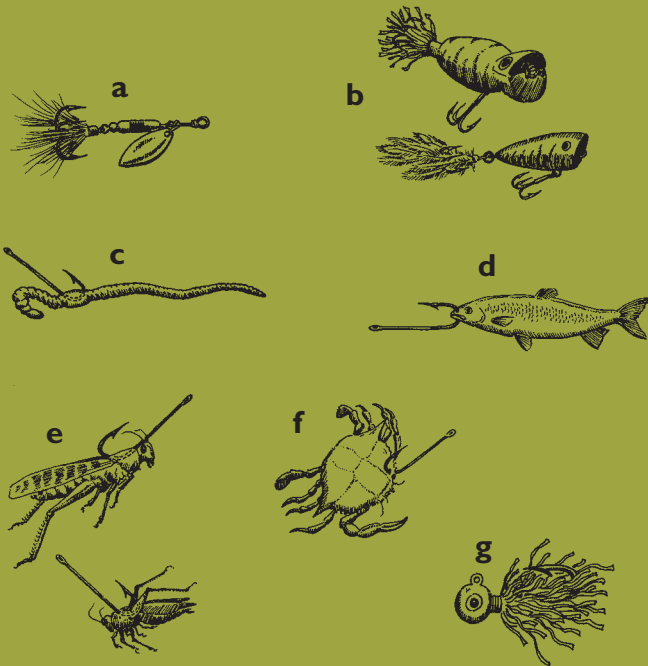
Look behind you and to the side before casting so you do not hook anyone or anything.

Keep at least one rod’s length between you and the next angler before, during and after you cast.



BAITS AND LURES

Here are some examples of natural and artificial baits. Circle the natural baits.

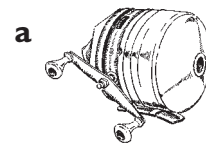


Natural baits: c, d, e, f

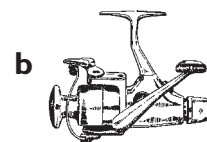
FISHING REELS

Draw a line connecting the fishing reel with its correct name.

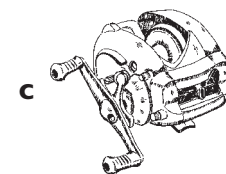
1. BAITCAST



2. FLY REEL



3. SPINNING



4. SPINCAST



1. c 2. d 3. b 4. a

ETHICS

When fishing, we practice ethical behavior when we “do the right thing.” To decide if your behaviors are ethical, ask yourself the following questions.

- Is it legal?
- Would it be good if everybody did it?
- Would it make you proud?



Some good examples of ethical anglers include taking trash or excess fishing line with you to recycle or place in a trash can later. Many fish, birds and other animals are hurt when they get tangled in abandoned fishing line.

REGULATIONS

Regulations are the rules you must follow when fishing. They help to make sure there will always be fish to catch. All fishing regulations can be found in the free Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual. A few examples include:

- You do not need to purchase a fishing license in Texas until you turn 17.
- Fishing licenses are good from September 1 to August 31.



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