

**THE WORLD'S BIGGEST**

# **FISH**



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# CHAPTER 1

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## WHAT ARE FISH?



A trout swims  
in a shallow stream.

A stingray finds food  
on the ocean floor.

What do these animals  
have in common?



They are both fish. Fish live underwater.  
They breathe with **gills**.

Nearly all fish are **cold-blooded**.  
Their body temperature changes  
with their surroundings.



## CHAPTER 2

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# JUMBO FISH

Ocean sunfish are the heaviest bony fish in the world.





These funny-looking fish can weigh up to 5,000 pounds (2,268 kilograms).

That's more than a minivan!



Unlike most fish, ocean sunfish don't have a tail fin. But they are still huge fish.

They can grow about 10 feet (3 meters) long. That is as long as a small room!

Ocean sunfish are also very tall. They can be 14 feet (4.3 m) from the top fin to the bottom. That is taller than an adult human!

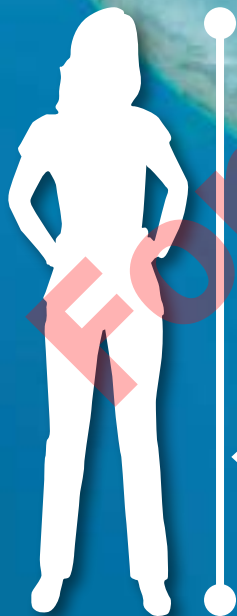
### DID YOU KNOW?

Ocean sunfish have huge fins on the top and bottom of their body.

When they swim close to the surface, their top fin sticks out of the water. It looks like a shark fin!



**14 feet  
(3 m)**



**5½ feet  
(1⅔ m)**