

- Each player takes a turn to throw a die, moving around the players in a clockwise direction.
- When it is each player's go, he or she moves forward the number of squares on the die throw. If a player lands on a square with an instruction, he or she must move forwards or backwards according to that instruction.
- If a player lands on a Fishy Fact square, the teacher reads out a fact (list supplied below). The player must say if the fact is true or not. If he/she gets the answer right, he/she moves forward 1 square
- If a player lands on a square that asks a question, he or she must answer that question correctly to move forward or wait for their next turn to throw again.
- Before a player can advance to the winning square, they must answer a question to cross the line and win the game - suggested fishy questions are supplied below. The player must stop at the 'STOP' square and answer the final question, no matter what the die throw is in order to win.
- Template counters are available to download from [www.fishisthedish.co.uk/earlyyearsgame](http://www.fishisthedish.co.uk/earlyyearsgame)
- **Jellyfish and crayfish are fish** (False - although they have fish in their name, they aren't actually classed as fish)
- **Sardines and pilchards are the same fish** (True - the name tends to vary according to the location in which they are caught)
- **Fish have ears on the outside of their heads** (False - fish have ears inside their heads, but many do not hear sounds very well)
- **Sardines can live to an age of between 13 and 25 years** (True - but this is the maximum)
- **Fish is a good source of protein** (True - and like that of meat, it is easily digestible)
- **Fish can dive deeper than human beings using snorkeling gear** (True - fish have been discovered living in depths of up to 5 miles (8 kms) beneath the Pacific Ocean. Human beings can dive using snorkels to a maximum of 130 feet)
- **Adult plaice have eyes on both sides of their head** (False - they are on the upper side)
- **Eating fish is good for you** (True - fish is a good source of protein which helps your bones to grow, helps your eyesight and makes your hair shiny)
- **Mackerel is an oily fish** (True)

## Fishy facts

- **Fish cannot survive outside water** (True)
- **Sardines feed on plankton** (True)
- **Some fish are poisonous to humans** (True - the moray eel, for example, can be deadly)
- **Plaice are grey coloured** (False - they are brown with beige and red spots)
- **Crabs move or run sideways** (True - crabs move this way because that is how their legs bend - they don't have ball and socket joints like human beings)
- **Fish, for their size, have large brains compared to most other animals** (False)
- **Fish live in water** (True - they live in either fresh or salt water)
- **Fish swim together in 'a shoal'** (True - another collective term for fish is 'school' as in 'a school of whales')
- **Fish have lungs that get oxygen from the water around them** (False - they have gills)
- **Fish are always silver in colour** (False - fish can be many different colours)
- **Fish have legs** (False - they have fins that help them move)
- **Fish are covered in scales** (True)
- **Salmon can jump up waterfalls** (True - salmon leap up waterfalls in order to return to their spawning grounds. They have been known to jump up waterfalls which are the equivalent of a four-storey building)
- **Mussels live in shells** (True - mussels live and breathe by filtering water through extending tubes)
- **Coley is from the cod family** (True)
- **Mackerel is a good source of vitamins** (True - fish is a good source of vitamin B-12)

## Winning game questions

- **Are Sardines an oily fish?** (Yes - they are rich in Omega 3 oils)
- **Do mussels live on their own?** (No - they live together in groups)
- **Can seafood help your skin?** (Yes - the protein in fish is good for maintaining skin.)
- **Do fish breathe water?** (No - they breathe oxygen like us, but they get it from the water through their gills)
- **Is fish good for your heart?** (Yes - fish, especially oily fish, like sardines, is known to help your heart stay strong)
- **Do fish have eyelids?** (No - at least not the kind of eyelids that close like human ones)
- **Are fish good for you to eat?** (Yes - they contain lots of things that are good for your health and body)
- **Do fish have ears on the outside of their head.** (No - fish do have ears inside their heads, but many do not hear sounds very well)
- **Do cleaner fish help out other fish by cleaning them?** (Yes - they remove parasites and dead skin from their scales)
- **Are crabs a type of crustacean?** (Yes - other crustaceans include prawns and lobsters - they all have an exoskeleton)
- **Is fish good for your brain?** (Yes - this is another one of the many benefits of regularly eating fish)
- **Are fish a poor source of iron?** (No - most fish are rich sources of iron)
- **Are fish covered in slime?** (Yes - they are often covered in a layer of slime to help their movement through water)