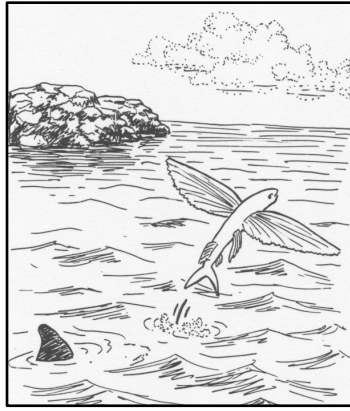


Fish that Fly



You know that all fish can swim. But did you know that some fish can sail through the air? These fish are called flying fish. They don't fly the way a bird does. They use their fins to sail through the air. Fins are flat body parts. They help fish move through the water. The fins of a flying fish stick out from its sides like wings. A flying fish jets through the water and throws itself into the air. By spreading its fins, the flying fish sails through the air. It looks like some sort of strange bird.

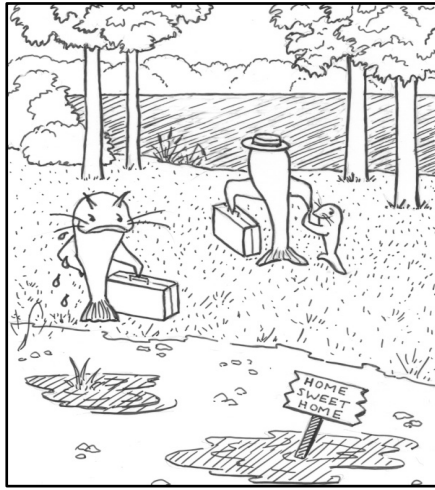
A flying fish is small. The biggest flying fish are only about 18 inches (46 centimeters) long. Some can fly for 100 yards (91 meters) before falling back into the sea. That is as long as a football field.

Why do flying fish sail through the air? It is how they get away from bigger fish that might eat them. Bigger fish can swim faster than flying fish. But just as a bigger fish is about to catch up with a flying fish, the flying fish takes off and sails out of danger.

A flying fish's side _____ look like wings. When it sails through the air, the flying fish looks like a strange _____. Flying fish sail through the air to get away from bigger _____. When a bigger fish is about to _____ it, a flying fish takes off. Some flying fish can "fly" as far as a _____ field.

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Fish that Walk



Now you know that some fish can sail through the air. But did you know that another kind of fish can walk?

There is a fish called the *walking catfish*. If the lake where it is living dries up, this fish walks to another lake. It moves across the ground by pushing itself with its tail and crawling on its fins. The walking catfish is able to "walk" on land because it can breathe out of water.

Walking catfish can walk about a mile (nearly two kilometers) in a night. They can also jump high. They can jump two feet (62 centimeters) in the air. Some people who saw walking catfish wanted to find out more about them and so put them in tanks of water. The sides of the tanks were high, but that did not stop the walking catfish. Some of them got away by jumping out of their fish tanks. Maybe walking catfish should be called "jumping catfish."

The walking catfish can _____ on land. It pushes itself with its _____. And it crawls on its _____. The walking catfish can also _____ about two feet. The walking catfish can walk about a _____ in a night.