

Go "Build-a" Fish Tables

Body Shape Types

Body Shape	Picture	Example Fish	Habitat and Speed	Cross- section
Fusiform		Tuna, shark	Open ocean, fast	
Compressed		Angelfish, triggerfish, butterfly-fish	Many habitats, not constantly moving but short bursts of speed	
Depressed	The state of the s	Skates, rays, flounder	Bottom dwellers, flight like swimming	
Filiform		Eels	Holes and crevices, long thin body that moves like a ribbon	



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Caudal Fin Types

Caudal Fin	Picture	Swim Speed	Habitat
Lunate, crescent		Fast, doesn't turn easily	Open ocean
Forked		Constantly moving, moderately fast	Open ocean, reef
Truncate, triangular		Strong swimmer but slower, short bursts of speed	Open ocean, reef
Rounded		Strong swimmer but slower, short bursts of speed	Open ocean, reef
Continuous		Weak swimmer, wriggling on bottom or through crevices	Open ocean, bottom



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Mouth Types

Type of Mouth	What it Eats	Picture
Beak-like	Crunches, could eat coral	(0)
Little mouth	Nibbling on small plants/animals or invertebrates, sometimes has teeth	50))
Mouth near the top (superior)	Eating near the surface of the water or at least above the fish, sometimes has teeth	
Mouth in the middle (terminal)	Eating directly ahead, algae eater, gulper, surrounds prey	50)
Mouth on bottom	Sometimes has teeth, bottom feeder or strong biter.	