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Sunny the Goldfish's Secret

Visual lesson



Good Morning, Sunny

Before school, Leo pressed his nose against the fish tank to say good morning to Sunny the goldfish. Sunny's little mouth went open, shut, open, shut, all the way underwater. Leo puffed out his cheeks — he could only hold his breath a few seconds — so how could Sunny stay under all day and all night?





Air Hiding in the Water

Leo looked closer and saw something surprising: water was flowing right INTO Sunny's open mouth, again and again. She wasn't drinking it — she was breathing it! Water has tiny invisible bits of air hiding inside it, called oxygen, so a fish finds its air right in the water.

TALK ABOUT IT

What is Sunny doing with all that water?

Leo's Big Question

But wait, thought Leo. If water keeps going in Sunny's mouth, again and again... where does it come out? Leo leaned in and spotted something behind Sunny's eyes — what do YOU think happens next?

TALK ABOUT IT

Where do you think the water comes out?





Whoosh — Out the Little Doors!

Whoosh — out the sides! Behind Sunny's eyes, two little flaps open like tiny doors, and under them live her gills — soft, red, feathery combs. Water slides in her mouth, brushes over the red gills, and slips back out — and as it passes, the gills grab the oxygen and send it into her body!

TALK ABOUT IT

Find Sunny's red feathery gills!

But a Whale Is Not a Fish!

Sunny's mouth goes open, shut, open, shut, never stopping — she breathes the whole time, just like Leo breathes with his lungs, only her air comes from water instead of sky. And here's a wow: a whale is NOT a fish! It has lungs like Leo, so it must swim all the way up to the top to gulp air — but Sunny never has to.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Who must swim up to the top to breathe?



Check your wonder

1 **Where does Sunny find her air?**

A. Hidden inside the water

B. She swims up to gulp air from the sky

C. She holds her breath all day

2 **What do Sunny's red feathery gills do?**

A. Grab the air hiding in the water

B. Chew her food

C. Help her swim fast

3 **Which animal must swim all the way up to breathe?**

A. The whale, because it has lungs

B. Sunny the goldfish

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! Water has tiny invisible bits of air hiding inside it, called oxygen — Sunny breathes it right from the water! 2. That's it! Water slides over the red feathery gills, and the gills grab the air hiding in the water! 3. Right! A whale is NOT a fish — it has lungs like Leo, so it gulps air at the top. Sunny never has to!

THE END

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