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ONLINE WORKSHEET

SOMETHING'S FISHY

Round, flat, skinny—fishes come in all shapes and sizes. Some even remind us of other kinds of animals. Read the descriptions and then decide which fish, from the list below, is being described. Write the name in the blank. *(There are more fish names listed than you'll need.)*

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| zebrafish | surgeonfish | angelfish |
| porcupinefish | flashlight fish | flying fish |
| parrotfish | mudskipper | catfish |
| whale shark | clownfish | trumpet fish |

1 Don't worry—I won't copy what you say! It's my strong, beaklike mouth that earned me my name. _____

2 If you bother me, I'll puff up like a spiny balloon. My sharp spikes make other critters think twice about taking a bite out of me! _____

3 I'm a smooth operator. I use the razor-sharp scales around my tail for protection from predators. _____

4 Make no *meow*stake about it. I lurk in the dark, using my long whiskers to feel around for food. _____

5 I have wide, winglike fins. The warm tropical waters where I live are just heavenly. _____

6 I don't mind swimming in the deep, dark ocean. I carry my own light—batteries not included! _____



Bonus: Look up the fish in the list above that are not described on this page. Do some research and write your own short descriptions of them.