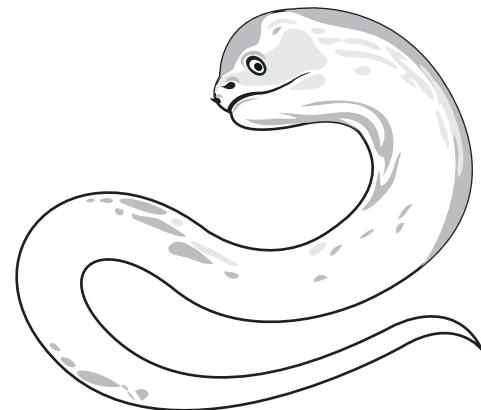


Eels

Eel facts

Eels are fish that look like snakes. Eels live in freshwater and saltwater. An eel's skin is smooth and slimy. They usually don't have any scales. Eels can swim forwards as well as backwards. Eels can travel on land for short distances. Some species of eels travel thousands of kilometers to breed. Young eels are called elvers. Eels are carnivores and eat fish, octopuses, and crabs. Eel is a delicacy in many cultures. Smoked eel is very popular. Electric eels are not actually eels at all.

Do you know any more interesting facts about eels?

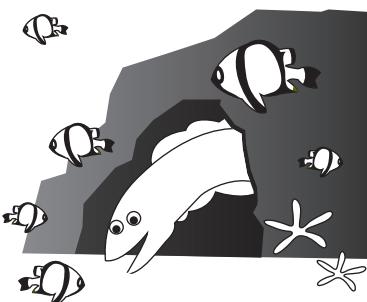


Drawing

Moray eels live in holes in rocks. They hide and wait for their prey to swim by. Moray eels have long, sharp canine teeth and strong jaws which they use to grab fish, crabs and octopuses.

The mouth of a moray eel is usually open. This allows water to flow over its gills so it can breathe.

Draw a picture of a moray eel waiting to catch a passing fish or crab.



"Eel" words

Match each "eel" word with its meaning.

peel	wheels	feel	kneel
wheelbarrow	wheelchair		

Resting on your knees: _____

Touching or handling something: _____

Taking the skin off an orange: _____

A bike or a car moves on these: _____

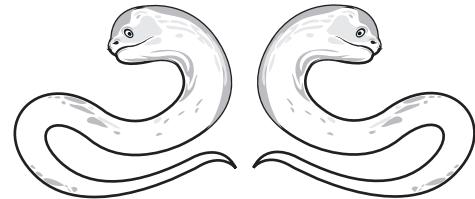
This has two handles and one wheel and is used to move things: _____

This is used to move someone who is sick or disabled: _____

Eel movements

Eels have muscular, snake-like bodies and are graceful swimmers. Think about how an eel swims, bending its body and siding through the water.

Move your body like an eel. Create a short "eel" dance with your friends.



Graphs

Jimmy and his friends went fishing for eels. The graph shows how many eels they caught each day. Match the animals with the collective nouns.

Monday	3
Tuesday	5
Wednesday	4
Thursday	3
Friday	6

How many eels were caught on Tuesday?

How many eels were caught on Thursday?

On what day did they catch the most eels?

On what day did they catch the least eels?

How many eels did they catch altogether?

