



Will There Be Any Left For Me?

When you were younger, you may have enjoyed fishing with a net or in rock pools by the sea. For anglers, fishing in unspoilt, natural surroundings is one of life's greatest pleasures.

Look at this angler.



Describe the water and surroundings.

Is she using? a net a rod and line

What equipment has she with her?

Ireland has some of the best rivers and lakes in Europe for fishing. Can you think of a reason for this?

Many local and foreign anglers fish our rivers and lakes in the hope of catching a prize trout, a wild Irish salmon or a great big pike.

Activity Card



There are 3 different types of fishing:

- Game Angling
- Coarse Angling
- Sea Angling

Read on to discover which type of fishing you think you would like best!

Finish the drawing of a pike.



Game Angling means fishing with a rod and line for salmon, brown trout and sea trout. These fish are often referred to as **salmonids**.

Coarse Angling is fishing in fresh water (rivers or lakes) for other species. These fish include bream, roach, tench, rudd, perch, dace, eel and pike. Use the chart to help you identify them.

Sea Angling is fishing in the sea from a boat or from shore for species such as cod, mackerel and tope. Deep sea fishing from specially or purpose built charter boats is a very popular sport during summer months.

Did You Know?

Pike, which is found in many parts of the country, is Ireland's **biggest** freshwater fish.

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Safety First!

Safety is very important when fishing. All bodies of water can be dangerous. Simple precautions taken by anglers can help to avoid accidents. Have a go at drawing up a list of safety rules for anglers.

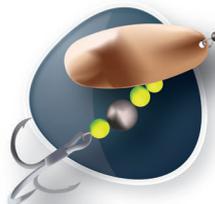
The first one is done for you.

- 1 Check weather forecast to make sure conditions are safe for fishing.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

Method



fly



spinner



bait

Hooks



single



double



treble



barbless



small barb

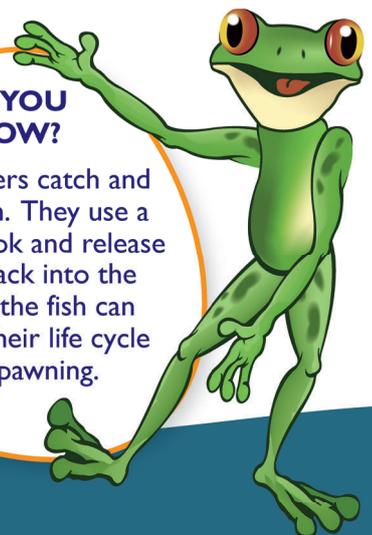


large barb

- 1 Discuss the hooks above and say why barbless or single hooks are best for catch and release.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some anglers catch and release fish. They use a barbless hook and release the fish back into the water, so the fish can continue their life cycle until spawning.



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Coarse Anglers usually store fish they catch in a keep net in the water. At the end of the fishing trip, they release them all back into the water. Sea anglers usually return the majority of fish live into the ocean.

Here are some suggestions.

- 1 Get one-to-one lessons from an angler. This is the best way to learn!
- 2 Contact **Inland Fisheries Ireland** for advice.
- 3 Join an angling club.
- 4 Make enquiries at a local fishing tackle shop.
- 5 Invite a local angler in to the class to talk about their hobby.
- 6 There are many good books, videos and website pages available on this topic.

An Interesting Fact
Angling is the only type of sport where the fish makes the final decision. The fish decides to jump for the bait!

Have you ever thought about becoming an angler?

Happy Fishing!

