

You and your pet salmon

***An Illustrate-Your-Own-Adventure Book ***

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The End!

One day, you are at the ocean, looking deep into its inky depths. You see a faint glint in the water. It's a salmon! It is beautiful and precious and you know in that moment that it will be your secret pet.

What do you name your new pet salmon?

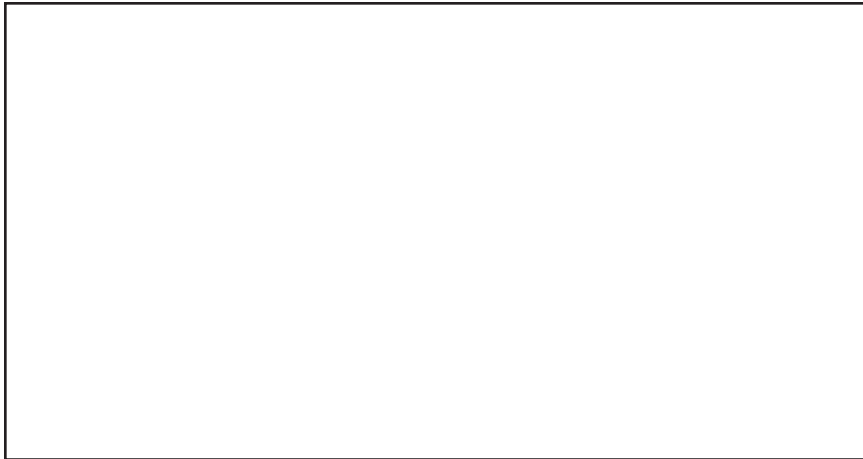
What type of salmon is your new pet? (Circle one)

SOCKEYE
PINK

CHINOOK
COHO

CHUM

Draw and colour a picture of your new pet.



Notes:



Your lovely pet salmon has now made it to its spawning ground and changed its physiology to become a fresh water fish. Your pet has made its redd in deep water, away from predators and laid its eggs! Only 0.0008% of salmon make it from egg to spawning adult.

Draw a family portrait of your salmon and its eggs!



In addition to the environmental dangers, salmon have a lot of predators. As a baby (fry), your salmon had to worry about other fish, snakes and birds. In the ocean, it had to worry about killer whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, other fish and humans.

During spawning, your pet salmon,

_____ will be in danger of being scooped up by bears and birds.

It is your new goal to keep _____
safe, during the migration back to a river to spawn.

On your way home, you pass a storm drain on the road. You think that you have seen people pouring chemicals down the drain. What can you do to let people know that these chemicals go into the rivers where salmon live?

Some ways to take care of streams are:

- Plant vegetation on the sides to stabilize banks
- Leave natural plants and debris like stumps and boulders where they are
- Leave all animal life where it is
- Use garden and lawn chemicals sparingly and with care
- Remove garbage from the stream area

Draw and colour a stream that would be a safe place for your fish to travel through and spawn.
