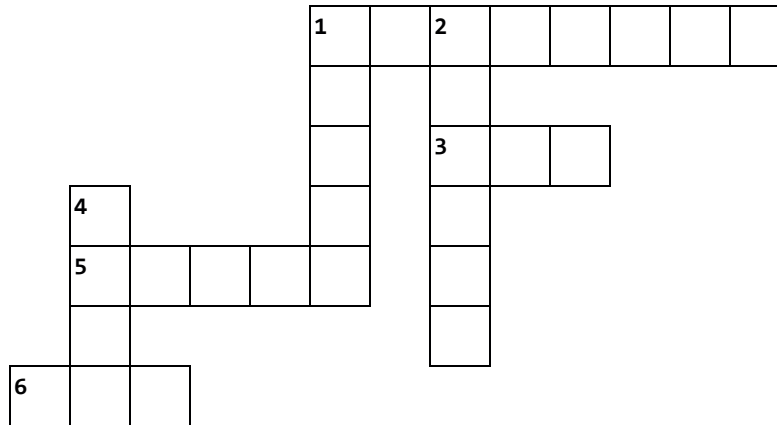


Salmon Life Cycle Crossword



Across

1. Stage 7: the grown-up salmon now migrate back to the river where they were born, where they lay eggs in the gravel to start the life cycle again. After this, most salmon die. Their bodies help feed the land, animals, and plants. What do you call a salmon at this stage?

3. Stage 1: salmon start as tiny, round eggs in the gravel at the bottom of a river or stream. The eggs are usually orange and have a little black dot in the middle — that's the baby salmon growing inside! What do you call a salmon at this stage?

5. Stage 6: now the salmon are all grown up. They live in the ocean for many years as they grow bigger and stronger and prepare to have babies. What do you call a salmon at this stage?

6. Stage 3: once the yolk sac is gone, the salmon becomes a small fish that starts to swim around and look for food like bugs in the water. They stay in the stream where they were born for a year or more. What do you call a salmon at this stage?

Down

1. Stage 5: the salmon's bodies start to change so they can survive in salty water. They lose their stripes that help them hide, and they become shiny silver instead, which confuses predators. Then they migrate downstream to reach the ocean. It's a big journey! What do you call a salmon at this stage?

2. Stage 2: the baby salmon hatch from the egg, but still have a yolk sac (like a lunch bag) attached to their bellies. They stay hidden in the rocks and absorb their food from the yolk sac until they are ready to swim. What do you call a salmon at this stage?

4. Stage 4: the baby salmon develop special dark stripes on their sides that help them hide from predators. They live in fresh water for a few years and keep growing stronger before their big trip to the ocean. What do you call a salmon at this stage?