

Not All Fish are Good Swimmers!

Most bony fish have a swim bladder that helps them stay afloat. This is like having an internal rubber ring that they can control to move up and down in the water column.

Some fish can even burp out excess gases when they want to sink!

Other types of fish control the amount of gas in their swim bladder by chemical reactions.

Not all fish have swim bladders; these fish tend to be poor swimmers as they cannot float!
They are negatively buoyant- that means they sink!

Can you help these fish to float by drawing on some floatation aids and then colouring them in? Here are some ideas to try

