

## FISHING

Did you ever ...

Did you ever go fishing on  
a bright sunny day,  
Fix your bait on a hook and  
have your hat float away,  
Have bare feet slip on rocks  
which then rip your new pants,  
See the purple sea fan and watch  
the sun-diamonds dance?

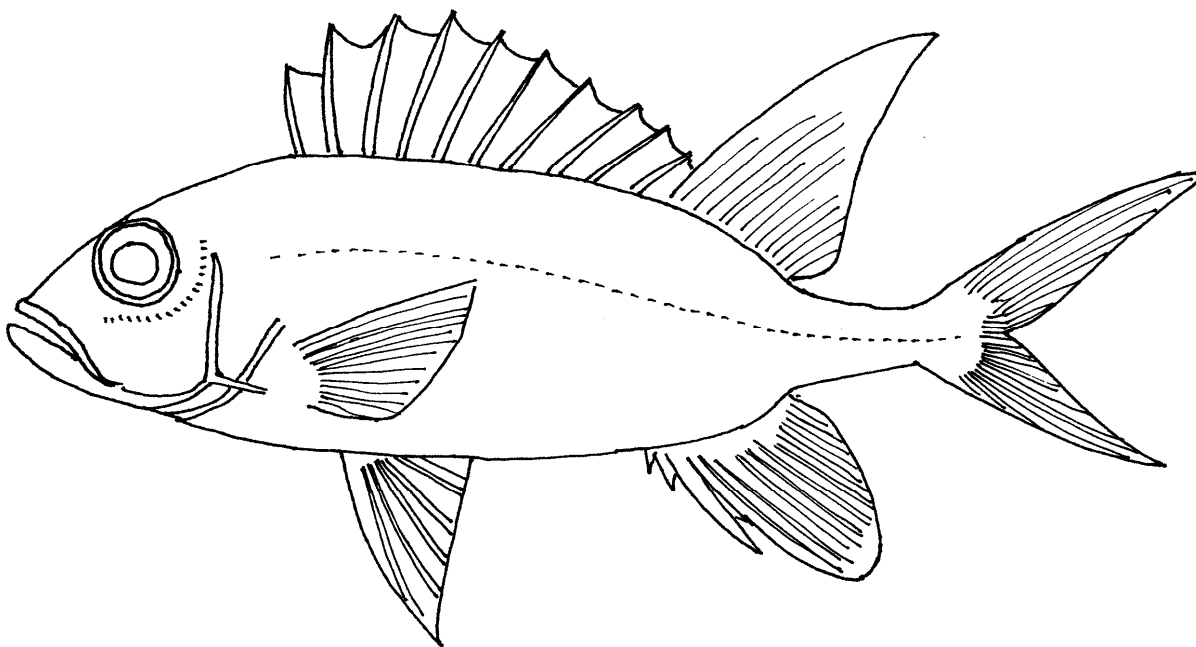
Jennifer Hind

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As your teacher reads the poem aloud, notice the words which have the long *a* vowel sound and those which have the short *a*. Above the long *a* write a <sup>ˉ</sup> and above the short *a* write a <sup>˘</sup>.

Now go fishing for words which contain either long OR short *as* in the headlines and photo captions in your newspaper. Cut them out and paste them on the squirrel-fish below to create his scales.



Now with a partner, cut from the newspaper pictures of objects whose names contain the long or short *a* sound. Sort the pictures into two piles: long *a* and short *a*. On blank 8 ½ x 11 paper, create collages using the pictures in each pile.