

Fishing is a Great Hobby

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Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about fishing?
- What would you like to know about it?

Definitions:

- Hobby – an interest or activity that a person enjoys in his or her free time
- Soothe – to calm or comfort
- Bait – something used to attract and catch fish or other animals

Reading

17 Fishing is a great hobby that many people can enjoy. Folks of all ages and abilities can
learn to fish. It's both relaxing and exciting, and it doesn't cost much money.

31 Fishing is relaxing. It is relaxing to sit on the shore of the lake or on a river bank. You can
52 watch the ripples on the water and hear the soothing sounds of the waves. On a nice day, the
71 warmth of the sun and a gentle breeze off the water feels great! It's relaxing to be outdoors near
90 the water.

92 Fishing is exciting. Some fish pull hard on the fishing line. They can put up quite a fight!
110 It is exciting to land a big fish. Sometimes you find a great spot where you hook many fish. As
130 soon as you drop your line in the water, you get a bite. It's exciting to catch a lot of fish in one
153 spot.

154 Fishing is **inexpensive**. All you need is a fishing pole and some bait. If you can't afford
171 bait, go outside at night and look for earthworms, or night crawlers.

183 Don't forget to buy a fishing license. In Minnesota, all persons ages 16 and older who want
200 to fish need to have a license. It's the law. If you are stopped by a water patrol officer, and you
221 don't have a fishing license, you could be **fin**ed.

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Understanding

1. Why is fishing a great hobby? _____

2. What does the word **inexpensive** mean? _____

3. Who needs a fishing license? Why? _____

4. What kind of bait could be found in your yard? _____

5. Why is fishing relaxing? (List at least two reasons.) _____

6. What does the word **fined** mean in this story? _____

Writing

- Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.
- Choice B: Do you enjoy fishing? Why or why not?
- Choice C: Write about an outdoor hobby you enjoy.
