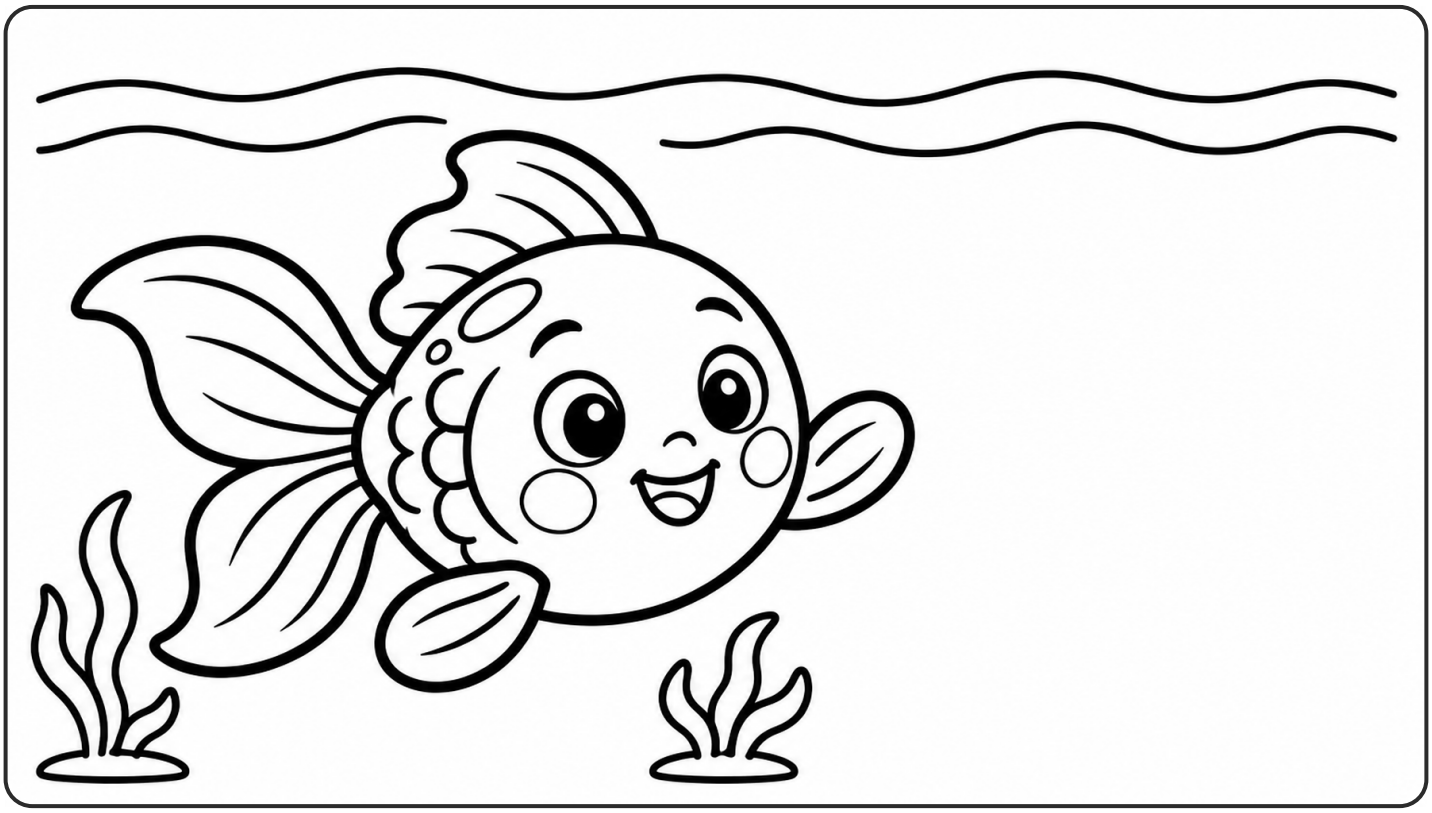
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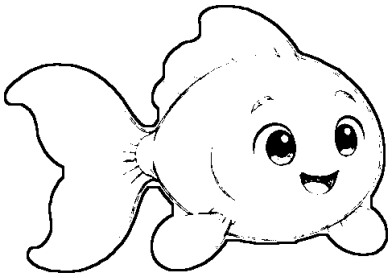
Blub, blub! Look at that fish! How do fish breathe underwater?



Why?

1. **Oxygen in water**
   Water has oxygen too, hiding inside it, much too small to see.
2. **Through the gills**
   A fish takes water through its mouth and pushes it out through its gills, just behind its head.
3. **Into the blood**
   As water flows over the gills, oxygen slips out of the water and into the blood, which carries it around the fish's body.

Color Finny too!



Try it! Watch a fish

You need: a fish in a tank

1. Watch a fish in a tank.
2. See its mouth open and close, and the covers over its gills move?

What happened? That's the fish breathing!

Video + more questions:
whywhywhykids.com/fishbreathe

scan with a grown-up