



## ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

# Goldfish and Other Carp

What does a goldfish eat? Do goldfish sleep? How big do carp grow? Read *Goldfish and Other Carp* to find out!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. Goldfish are native to ...
  - a. Germany
  - b. Japan
  - c. England
  - d. China
2. Goldfish do not need ...
  - a. Oxygen
  - b. Food
  - c. Friends
  - d. Shelter
3. The common carp can grow to a length of more than ...
  - a. 30 inches
  - b. 35 inches
  - c. 40 inches
  - d. 45 inches
4. In China, carp have long been a symbol of ...
  - a. Prosperity
  - b. Fertility
  - c. Luck
  - d. Love
5. What type of goldfish is this?
6. What type of goldfish is this?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Carp are vertebrates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. There are more than 200 breeds of goldfish.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Goldfish are omnivores.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Minnows are all less than 6 inches long.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Some goldfish in home aquariums have lived for more than 20 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. During a single year, a female carp may lay as many as 3 million eggs.



## ANSWERS

- 1. d. China.** According to section “Where Do Goldfish and Other Carp Live in the Wild?” on page 10, we know that “Goldfish are native to China and other parts of Asia, but people have released them in many other areas, including Africa, Australia, Europe, and North America.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. c. Friends.** According to section “Do Goldfish Like Plants?” on page 24, we know that “Goldfish need three main things: oxygen to breathe, food to eat, and shelter to feel safe.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. a. 30 inches.** According to section “What Is a Common Carp?” on page 40, we know that “Growing to a length of more than 30 inches (76 centimeters), the common carp is one of the larger carp species.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. b. Fertility.** According to section “What Stories and Legends Are Told About Carp?” on page 50, we know that “In China, carp have long been a symbol of fertility (the ability to produce many young).” So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 15, this photo shows a bubble-eye goldfish.
- 6.** According to page 7, this photo shows a fantail goldfish.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “What Is a Carp?” on page 6, we know that “Carp are fish — vertebrates, or animals with a backbone, that live in the water.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section “How Did Breeds of Carp, Including Goldfish, Develop?” on page 12, we know that “There are more than 125 breeds of goldfish, with such names as comets, shubunkins, and telescopes.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section “What Does a Goldfish Eat?” on page 18, we know that “Goldfish are omnivores, which means they eat both animals and plants.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section “What Is a Minnow?” on page 34, we know that “Most American minnows are less than 6 inches (15 centimeters) long. However, some minnows are very large.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section “How Long Do Carp Live?” on page 44, we know that “Goldfish in home aquariums usually live about 5 years, though some have lived for more than 20 years.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section “Glossary” on page 62, we know that “During a single year, a female carp may lay as many as 2 million eggs.” So, the correct answer is False.