



discovered, there were no insects or anything around yet, so he had to keep returning to the water to eat. Ferdie also noticed that when he went back to the water he had a terrible cough.

One day Ferdie began to dream about having a family. Ferdie began to search for someone like him, but this proved to be futile for he was one of a kind. So finally Ferdie settled on Flo, an attractive normal fish, for a mate. In fact Flo was the only

one who was willing to put up with his funny behavior (spending lots of time on shore and coughing a lot while back in the water).

Ferdie and Flo felt they should pass on Ferdie's fantastic characteristics to the world. So in due course they had some fish eggs (not amphibian eggs). Several survived which made Ferdie and Flo very happy. Yet Ferdie was very disappointed. He had such plans for their baby fish (amphibians that is). But all the babies were only fish. They didn't have a small back foot as he did, and Ferdie had been so hoping that they might even have two feet! Alas, the little finny fellows couldn't breathe out of the water, either.

As time went by, Ferdie and Flo wondered why none of their children, nor their grandchildren, nor the next dozen generations never had any sign of a foot or lungs. Ferdie and Flo forlornly discussed how they had failed until they both grew old. Ferdie never did figure out that things you gain in life (like his small foot and lungs) cannot be passed on to your offspring. Finally, Ferdie the transitional form died and fossilized himself in a *very* secret place (very secret indeed, for no transitional forms, or **missing links**, have ever been found). To this very day, many are still looking for a Ferdie..... The End???????

\*(This tale was inspired by a story in THE TRUTH, GOD OR EVOLUTION, by Marshall and Sandra Hall, 1974).

Quite a story, right? Yet evolution basically teaches this same story! The plot and characters might be different, but evolution would teach that time finally won and a transitional form did pass on information, and the baby Ferdie was so anxiously looking for finally happened! Some would say that this information came from a mutation, not **acquired characteristics**

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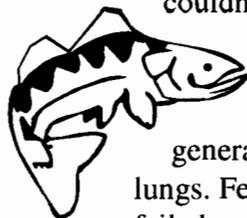
One of the stories of evolution is that man essentially evolved from the sea beginning as a fish. The story goes that very early fish came onto the land for various lengths of time and eventually changed into an amphibian. Over time the amphibian evolved into a reptile, then a bird, then a mammal, and finally a man. Have you ever wondered about that first fish that evolution says flopped onto land?

#### A FARCE ABOUT FERDIE THE FISH\*

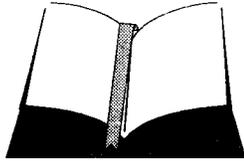
Once upon a time, million and millions of years ago, there was a fish named Ferdie. One day Ferdie was peacefully swimming along following the shore when a wave flung him up onto the beach. Now normally when fish find themselves flopping on shore, they die. But Ferdie was a very lucky fellow indeed, for a few seconds later another wave splashed upon the shore and recovered him.

In the days that followed Ferdie kept remembering the feeling he had while flopping on the beach. And he liked it! So Ferdie began to go back again and again. In and out of the water he went. One day he noticed that a small rear foot had started to grow. This certainly made it easier to push himself along in the sand (as one knows, it is very hard to flop along the beach with only fins). And lo and behold, Ferdie also noticed that he could stay out on the land longer, for he had also began to grow lungs! Ferdie had become a **transitional form!**

Now these changes were not without problems. Because Ferdie was a pioneer, he was the first animal to come out of the water and evolve. Ferdie soon



(something gained in life). But a mutation is a mistake in the genetic code, and information is lost, not gained. To evolve you must somehow gain information. Mutations are rare and are harmful to the creature. Yet evolution teaches that given enough time anything is possible. **Given enough time, the ridiculous becomes acceptable!** Evolutionist can make up fairy tales like this one, without any evidence, call it science, and expect us to believe it. I think that I will stick to God's word, the Bible. It makes more sense to me than a fairy tale!!...*And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21*



FIND FINNY FINS FIRST  
 FISH FLOPPED FLOPPING FLUNG  
 FOLLOWED FOLLOWING FOOT FORLORNLY  
 FORM FOSSILIZED FOUND FROM  
 FUNNY FUTILE

**FISHY FUNNIES**

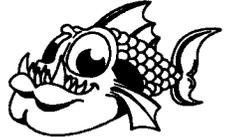


A. What's the difference between a fish and a piano ?

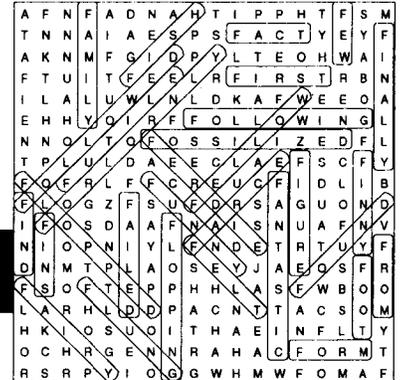
B. What is the best way to communicate with a fish ?

C. What do you call a fish with no eyes ?

D. Where are most fish found ?



E. What fish only swims at night ?



**WORD SEARCH**

Look for the words hidden in the puzzle below from words in the word list. The hidden words might be up and down, sideways, or slanted (not backwards). All words are from "A Farce about Ferdie the Fish" in the key of F.



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**ANSWERS**

A. You can't tuna fish ! B. Drop it a line ! C. Fish !  
 D. Between the head and the tail ! E. A starfish !

**WORD LIST**

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