



Cabrillo  
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## What is a Grunion?

Have you ever heard of a grunion fish? Many people haven't, but they are a very interesting, special and unique fish. So special that Cabrillo Marine Aquarium uses them in their logo. Every year thousands of people see and learn about them at "grunion runs". Here is a chance for you to learn more about this fascinating little fish from home. Using the websites below, see if you can find the answers to the questions on the attached worksheet. Who knows – you might become our next Grunion Expert!

### Grunion websites:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Creature Feature: California Grunion  
<https://cdfwmarine.wordpress.com/2018/02/14/creature-feature-california-grunion/>

California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Grunion Dance: by the Light of the Moon  
<https://cdfwmarine.wordpress.com/2018/02/14/creature-feature-california-grunion/>

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Creature Feature: Grunion  
<https://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/exhibits/marine-life.asp?id=4>

Grunion.org – What is a grunion?  
<http://grunion.pepperdine.edu/whatis.htm>

Grunion.org – Introduction to Grunion Biology  
<http://grunion.pepperdine.edu/IntroductionToGrunionBiology.pdf>

Christian Science Monitor – For kids: The grunion are running  
<https://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/The-Home-Forum/2008/0812/p18s01-hfks.html>

Oceana – California Grunion  
<https://oceana.org/marine-life/ocean-fishes/california-grunion>

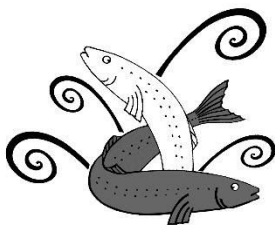
## Good Hunting!



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# Grunion Fun Worksheet

1. How big are grunion? \_\_\_\_\_
2. True or False: There are two species of grunion. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Grunion eggs are out of water for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
4. How long do grunion live? \_\_\_\_\_
5. True or False: Grunion are **only** found on the coast of California and Baja California. \_\_\_\_\_
6. At what age can grunion reproduce? \_\_\_\_\_
7. True or False: During open seasons, you **do not** need a fishing license if you are *above* the age of 16. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name three of the predators of grunion. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. During \_\_\_\_\_ tides, female grunion come up to the beach to lay their eggs.
10. Grunion run from the month of \_\_\_\_\_ to the month of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. How many eggs can a female grunion lay at one time? \_\_\_\_\_



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## Grunion Fun Worksheet Key

1. How big are grunion? 5 – 7 inches
2. True or False: There are two species of grunion. True
3. Grunion eggs are out of water for 9 – 14 days.
4. How long do grunion live? They live for 2 – 4 years
5. True or False: Grunion are **only** found on the coast of California and Baja California. True
6. At what age can grunion reproduce? One year
7. . True or False: During open seasons, you **do not** need a fishing license if you are *above* the age of 16. False
8. Name three of the predators of grunion. (Can include corbina, halibut, guitarfish, seals and sea lions, sharks, dolphins, squid, herons, egrets, other birds, cats, rats, and skunks)
9. During high tides, female grunion come up to the beach to lay their eggs
10. Grunion run from the month of March to the month of August
11. How many eggs can a female grunion lay at one time? 3000

