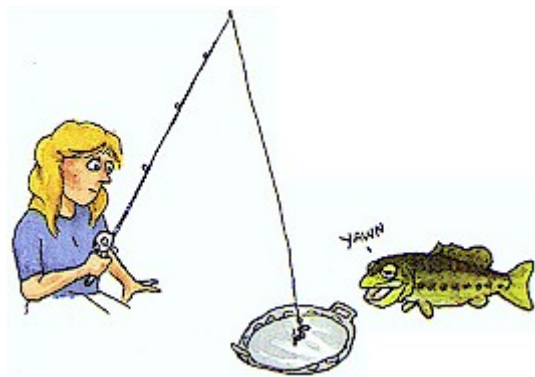


Fresh or fake: What's the best kind of *hors d'oeuvre* to tempt a hungry fish? Both bait and artificial lures work, but fish do have preferences and you would do well to study their habits and find out what they're likely to eat.



If the fish aren't biting, try a different bait or lure.

SPECIES

Bass (largemouth, smallmouth, rock, white)
Bluegills
Bullheads
Carp
Catfish
Crappies

Muskellunge
Northern Pike
Perch
Sunfish
Trout (brook, brown, rainbow)

Walleye

BAIT

minnows, worms, insect larvae

worms
nightcrawlers, stink baits

doughballs
stink baits

small minnows

minnows up to 12" long
minnows
minnows, insects, worms
worms, grubs
worms, minnows, grasshoppers, spawn sacs

minnows, leeches, nightcrawlers

ARTIFICIAL LURES

plugs, poppers, spinners, rubber worms
poppers

maribou-covered jigs, plastic minnows
large plugs, spoons, bucktails
wobbling spoons
small jigs, rubber worms
flies, poppers
dry and wet flies, spinning lures

plugs, jigs, spoons, twister tails