

Fishing

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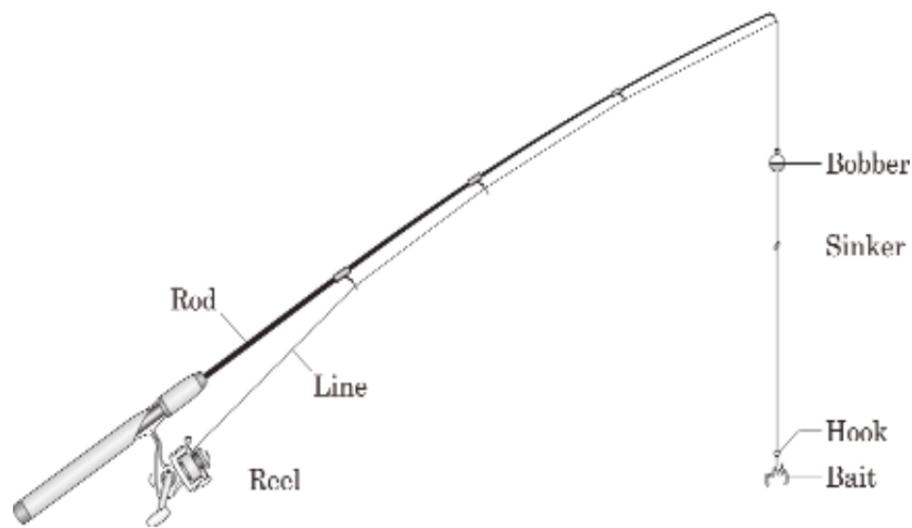
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Waiting for a Bite

Greg had been out in his boat for two hours. The sun was starting to come up. What was he waiting for? Greg has bait hooked to the end of his line. He hoped to catch a big trout. But nothing so

far.

Then his fishing line pulled tight. His reel spun. A huge fish flipped out of the water. Greg held on to his pole. This was great! It was worth the wait.

It is fun to get into the sport of fishing. It does not take much skill. Going fishing does not



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take much cash. All you really need is a rod and a hook and some bait.

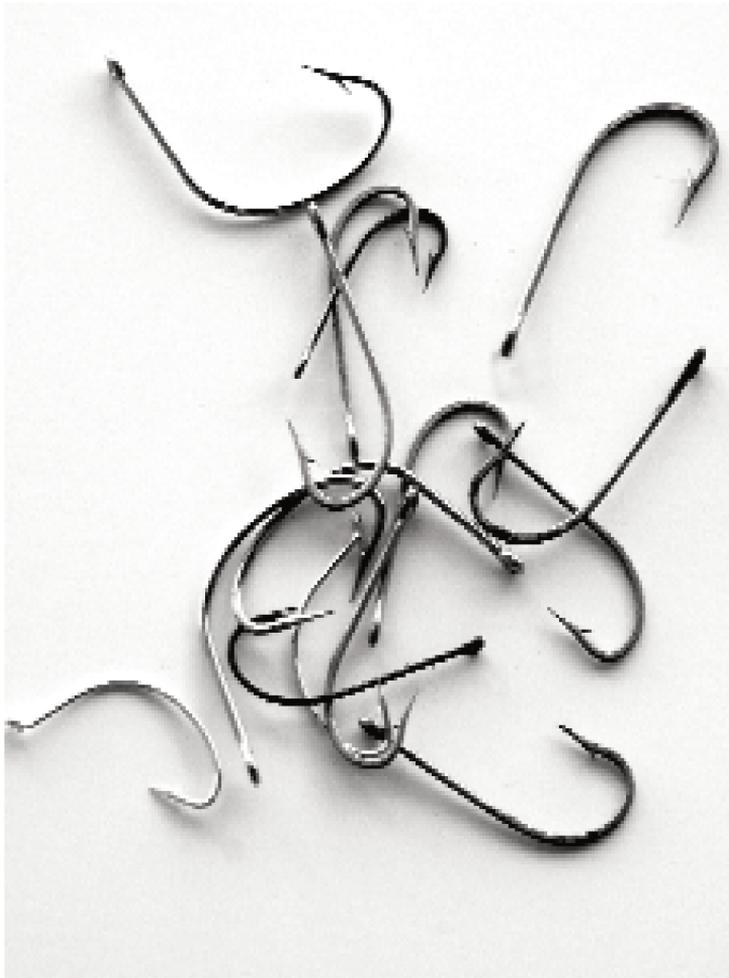
Someone who fishes is called an *angler*. An angler might fish from the side of a stream. He or she could use a small tree branch. Or, an angler can buy a high-end rod and fish from a nice boat. There

are lots of fun ways to
fish.

Gear

It does not take much gear to go fishing. You just need a few things.

You need hooks. Hooks come in lots of sizes. Ask the clerk at the bait shop which kind of hook you need.



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Fishing line is sold by its strength. If you want to catch big fish, you need strong line. Match the strength of your line to the kind of rod you have.

Sinkers are small weights. They help you cast your bait so that it sinks. Put a sinker four to eight inches above

your hook.

Bobbers, floats, and corks are used to keep your bait in place. They keep your bait from going too deep. They 'bob' up and down if you get a fish.