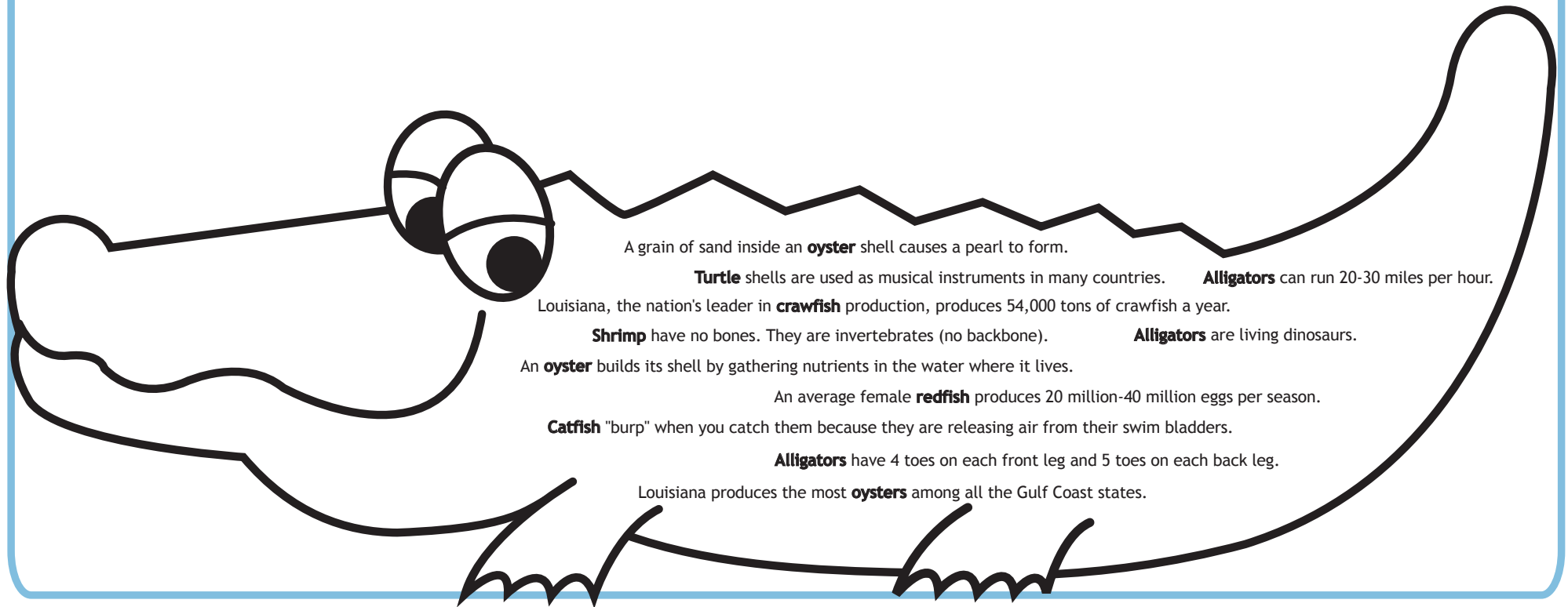


Farming the Waters

Louisiana's farming reaches beyond the rich soil into its fresh and salt waters. Catfish, crawfish, shrimp, oysters and a variety of aquatic life, even alligators, make Louisiana a leader in the seafood industry. Learn some interesting facts about seafood and

color the alligator.

Use the rest of the space to draw other Louisiana aquatic life.



A grain of sand inside an **oyster** shell causes a pearl to form.

Turtle shells are used as musical instruments in many countries.

Alligators can run 20-30 miles per hour.

Louisiana, the nation's leader in **crawfish** production, produces 54,000 tons of crawfish a year.

Shrimp have no bones. They are invertebrates (no backbone).

Alligators are living dinosaurs.

An **oyster** builds its shell by gathering nutrients in the water where it lives.

An average female **redfish** produces 20 million-40 million eggs per season.

Catfish "burp" when you catch them because they are releasing air from their swim bladders.

Alligators have 4 toes on each front leg and 5 toes on each back leg.

Louisiana produces the most **oysters** among all the Gulf Coast states.