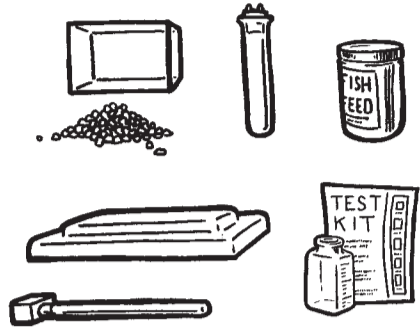


SETTING UP YOUR AQUARIUM

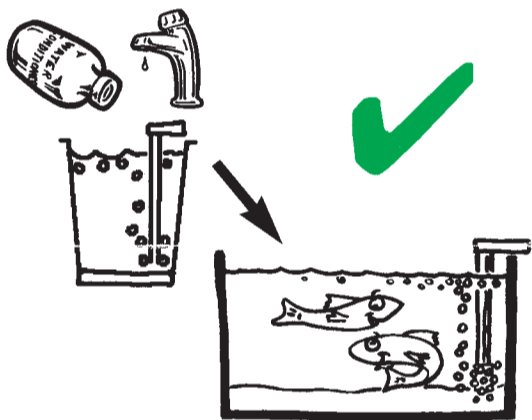
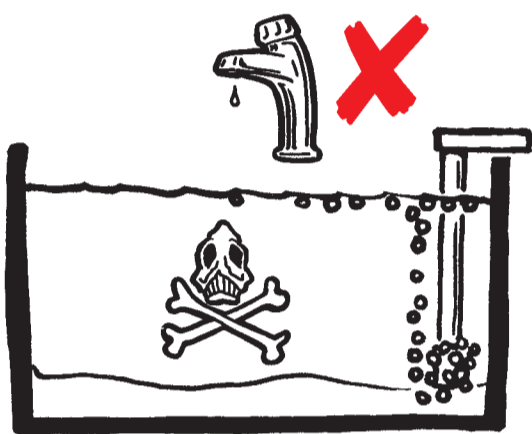
The Equipment you will need to start with:



...plus an Aquarium Filter

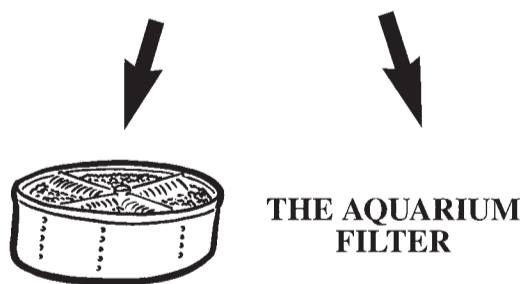
USING TAPWATER

Water companies must by law provide water suitable for drinking - **IT MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR YOUR FISH** - seek advice on tapwater treatments.



WATER QUALITY

Just like us fish produce wastes which have to be cleaned up to avoid health problems.



SEWAGE WORKS

AQUARIUM FILTRATION



AMMONIA



NITRITES



NITRATES

Filters use bacteria to remove harmful fish wastes like ammonia. Bacterial populations take time to build up. This process may take some time but can be accelerated - Ask for advice!

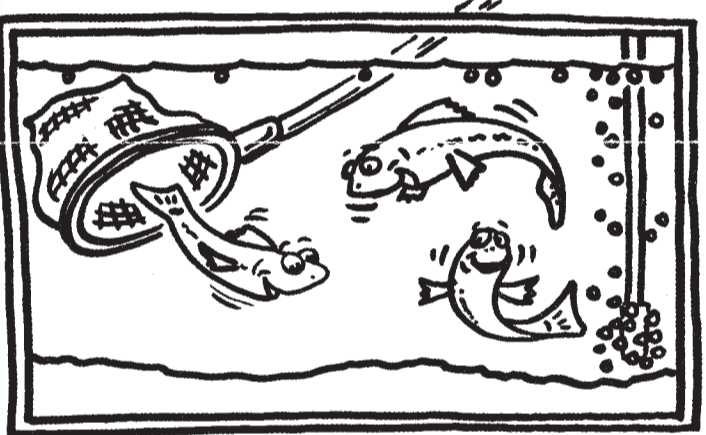
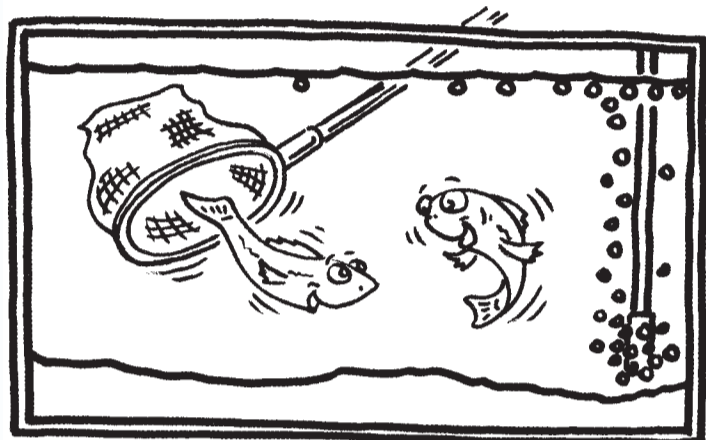
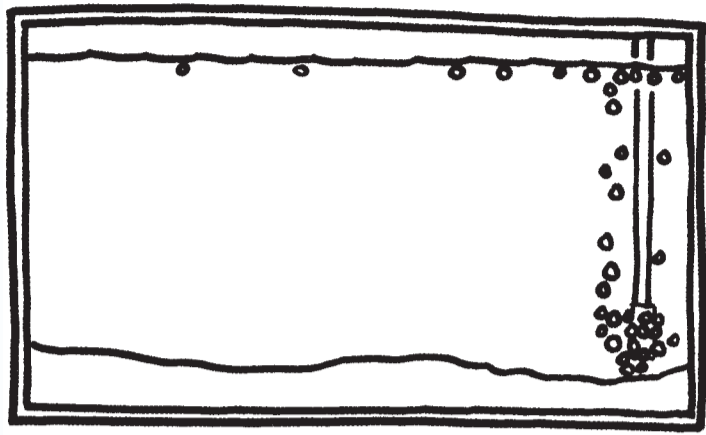
BE PATIENT!! Ask for advice on the filter you need!

Nitrates can be removed by plants or regularly replacing small amounts with conditioned tapwater.

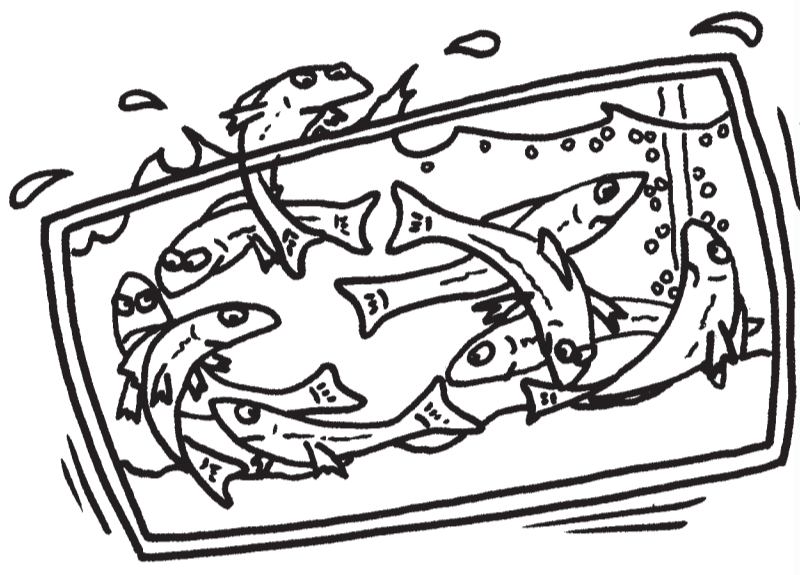
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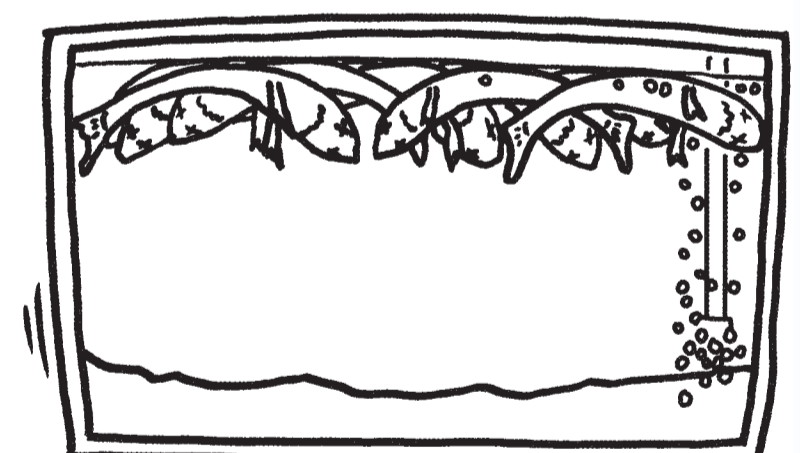
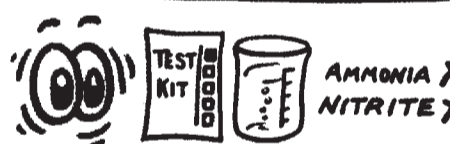
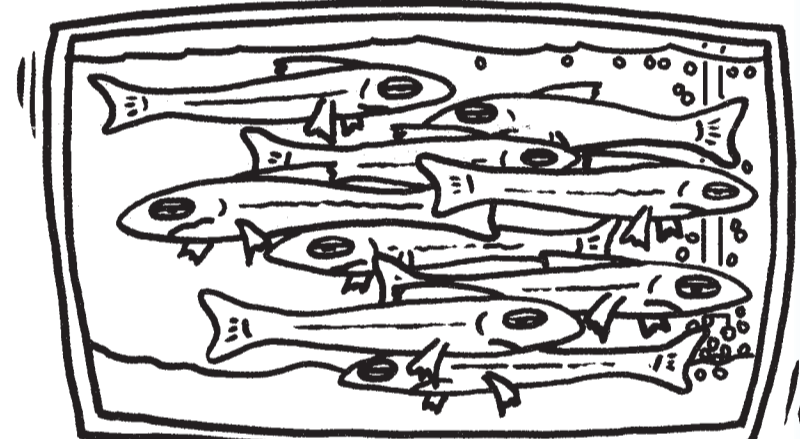
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... and so on until fully stocked as water conditions allow.



AS TIME PASSES



**THE GOLDEN RULE OF STOCKING:
IF IN DOUBT DON'T INTRODUCE MORE FISH
ASK FOR ADVICE!!**

**REMEMBER FISH ARE LIVING ANIMALS!!!
TREAT THEM WITH CARE AND THEY WILL
REPAY YOU WITH YEARS OF ENJOYMENT!!!**



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MONITORING WATER QUALITY

90% of ornamental fish health problems are caused by poor water quality.

REGULAR MONITORING IS ESSENTIAL.



REMEMBER just because water is clear does not mean it is safe. (Cyanide solution is crystal clear so is fresh water!)

COMPATIBILITY

First check that:
- your new fish are compatible with those you already own.



- the water quality in your aquarium or pond is suitable for the new fish.

FEEDING YOUR FISH

Fish need food to remain healthy. Too much food causes them problems as:

- They become fat and unhealthy



- Uneaten food rots to release ammonia.



FISH

should only be fed what they can eat within a couple of minutes

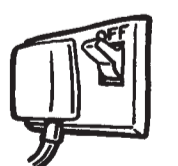
NEVER

feed fish excess quantities because you think it is kind.



FOR YOUR SAFETY PLEASE REMEMBER:

ALWAYS switch off electrical items before working in your aquarium.



ALWAYS wash your hands before eating, drinking, or smoking.



NEVER syphon by mouth.

