

Gone Fishing



Brothers Vick and William Tan started a group to make fishing available to kids for free.

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SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS) STANDARD: Individual Development and Identity

COMMON CORE (CCSS) STANDARDS: RI.6-8.1, RI.6-8.3, RI.6-8.4, SL.6-8.1

ENGAGE THE READER

Write the word *wellness* on the board. Ask students to talk to a partner about what the word means. How do they practice wellness? Call on partner groups to share some ideas while you write them on the board. Explain that wellness includes physical and mental wellness. Ask students to write down some ways in which they support their mental wellness.

QUESTIONS FOR CLOSE READING AND DISCUSSION

- What's the purpose of Fish Hut? What evidence in the article shows whether it has achieved its intended purpose?
- How do Vick and William Tan make fishing accessible to others?
- Why are activities like fishing important for kids?
- Why is mental wellness important?

EXTEND LEARNING

Bring the class together and have a conversation about how mental and physical wellness are related. Tell students they'll be creating a box filled with supplies to help someone engage in a calming activity. Have them choose an activity they listed in the beginning of the lesson, or think of another that would be accessible to others. Have them jot down what supplies would be in a box that allows others to participate in the hobby. What instructions would be necessary? Ask them to brainstorm until they think of a box they'd like to assemble.

Have the class collect cardboard boxes of various sizes and bring them to class for peers to use. If students have supplies of their own to donate, they can fill their box with these. If not, students can write letters to craft supply stores, sporting goods stores, and community members to ask for donations. Talk to your school library, a local library, or a community center to see if they'd accept the boxes for others to take.

COVER STORY QUIZ + ANSWER KEY

The cover quiz can be found on page 2 of this guide.

To create a digital quiz, you can use our template [here](#).

1. D (RI.3) **2. D** (RI.9) **3. B** (RI.2) **4. C** (RI.1) **5. A** (RI.2)

6. D (RI.7) **7. Answers will vary.** (W.1)

Name _____ Date _____

Use this week's cover story, "Gone Fishing," to answer the questions below. For questions 1-6, circle the letter next to the best answer. If you need more space to write your response to question 7, you may use the back of this page.

<p>1. What caused Vick and William Tan to create Fish Hut?</p> <p>A. They wanted people to become skilled fishers.</p> <p>B. They wanted more people to ice-fish with.</p> <p>C. They wanted people to have access to an independent activity.</p> <p>D. They wanted to boost mental health among young people.</p>	<p>4. After reading the article, you can tell that</p> <p>A. Fish Hut is a local operation.</p> <p>B. fishing is the best way for kids to improve their mental health.</p> <p>C. many people have benefited from the Fish Hut group.</p> <p>D. largemouth bass are an easy fish for beginners to catch.</p>
<p>2. On which point would Vick Tan and Abby Pfeifer agree?</p> <p>A. Fishing is a lot of work.</p> <p>B. Fishing is a distraction from the things you need to get done.</p> <p>C. Fishing is an expensive hobby.</p> <p>D. Fishing is a good way to take a break outdoors.</p>	<p>5. What could be another headline for this article?</p> <p>A. "Stress-Free Fishing"</p> <p>B. "Ice Fishing Friends"</p> <p>C. "Pike Fishing"</p> <p>D. "Free the Fish"</p>
<p>3. What is the writer trying to convey in the section "Community Catch"?</p> <p>A. Fish Hut's mission is to teach ice fishing.</p> <p>B. Fish Hut brings people in the community together.</p> <p>C. Fish Hut offers free fishing in five states.</p> <p>D. Fish Hut teaches the catch-and-release method of fishing.</p>	<p>6. The images included with the article show that</p> <p>A. fishing is very relaxing.</p> <p>B. the Southdale YMCA recently got its first fish hut.</p> <p>C. Fish Hut has served thousands of kids.</p> <p>D. fishing can be a year-round activity.</p>

7. Why do you think so many people showed up for this year's ice fishing festival?
