

What Do Fish Have to Do with Anything?

Interact with a Literary Text

Symbol Chart A **symbol** is a person, place, or thing that functions as itself in a piece of literature and as something broader than itself at the same time. Symbols are found in ordinary life too. A *dove*, for example, is a bird, and it is also a symbol of peace. A *heart* is a muscle in the body, and it is also a symbol of love. Complete the symbol chart below for “What Do Fish Have to Do with Anything?” In the first column, write the main symbol you find in the story. In the second column, write the passage in the story that alerts you to the significance of the symbol. In the third column, explain what each symbol means. In the fourth column, explain *why* you feel that the symbol means what it does.

Symbol	Key Passage	What Symbol Means	Why You Feel That Way