My Axolotl Fact File

Read the axolotl fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw an axolotl

Axolotl facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. neoteny ____	A. the highest risk level for animals still living in the wild
2. external gills ____	B. growing back a lost body part
3. regeneration ____	C. keeping young, baby-like features as an adult
4. amphibian ____	D. feathery gills on the outside of the body that take oxygen from water
5. Critically Endangered ____	E. a cold-blooded animal, such as a frog or salamander, that usually starts life in water

The most amazing thing I learned about axolotls

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Answer Key

Axolotl Fact File

Axolotl facts

Scientific name:	Ambystoma mexicanum
Size:	Usually 9 in, up to about 12 in
Weight:	About 2–8 oz (60–225 g)
Lifespan:	About 10–15 years
Diet:	Worms, insect larvae, crustaceans
Habitat:	Cool lake canals with water plants
Where:	Xochimilco, Mexico City, Mexico
Status:	IUCN Critically Endangered

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–C, 2–D, 3–B, 4–E, 5–A

Wow facts to share

- Axolotls keep their baby gills for their whole lives.
- They can regrow legs, tails and even parts of the heart.
- In the wild, they live in just one small area of Mexico City.