My Salamander Fact File

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a salamander

Salamander facts

Size: _____

Breathing: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. amphibian ____	A. a big change in body shape as a young animal becomes an adult
2. larva ____	B. growing back a lost body part
3. metamorphosis ____	C. a cold-blooded animal with moist skin that usually starts life in water
4. regeneration ____	D. a young salamander that usually lives in water and breathes with gills
5. newt ____	E. a kind of salamander that often lives part of its life in water and part on land

The most amazing thing I learned about salamanders

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Answer Key

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Salamander facts

Scientific name:	Order Caudata (about 850 species)
Size:	Under 1 in to nearly 6 ft (1.8 m)
Breathing:	Lungs, gills, skin, or a mix
Lifespan:	A few years to 100+ (olm, est.)
Diet:	Insects, worms, snails, small animals
Habitat:	Streams, ponds, damp forests, caves
Where:	Mostly Northern Hemisphere
Status:	About 3 in 5 species threatened

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

Word match

1–C, 2–D, 3–A, 4–B, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- More than half of all salamanders have no lungs at all.
- Many salamanders can regrow a lost leg or tail.
- The biggest salamanders can grow nearly 6 feet (1.8 m) long.