External Anatomy of a Bony Fish

- **Scales**: (like skin; used for protection)
- **Dorsal Fin**: (top fin; used for balance, movement, and protection)
- **Lateral Line**: (helps the fish hear vibrations in the water)
- **Nares**: (like nostrils; used for smelling)
- **Eye**
- **Mouth**
- **Pectoral Fin**: (chest fin; used for balance and movement)
- **Caudal Fin**: (tail fin; used to move the fish)
- **Ventral Fin**: (belly fin; used for balance and movement)
- **Scalares**: (like skin; used for protection)
- **Nares**: (like nostrils; used for smelling)