

1st & 2nd Class  
History

## Ninjitsu

Today in our History class, we went to **JAPAN**.



Múinteoir Ray taught us today about the legend of **Ninja Warriors**. When we think of Ninjas, we might be thinking of the Lego Ninjago movie, or maybe Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. But today we traveled back in time, **800 hundred years ago, to Japan** and to understand what it meant to be a Ninja Warrior. If you were a Ninja Warrior, you were also known as a **Shinobi**. The main purpose was **espionage, or spying**. We often think Ninjas always wore black but they were often disguised as farmers or monks.

Ninjas worked for money and not honour! There is some also evidence of **Samurai Warriors** (like the one pictured below on the left) actually hired Ninjas for jobs that they didn't want to do themselves! Ninjas also were not as respected as Samurai Warriors because they snuck around rather than face their enemy.



# Activity 1

## Camouflage test!

We learnt today that ninjas were masters of disguise and camouflage. Camouflage is where you use materials and colours to blend in with your surroundings so no-one can see you.

However, animals are much better camouflage than humans. See if you can spot the camouflaged animals below:



**A**



**B**







# Activity 1

## Camouflage test!

**C**



**D**



**E**



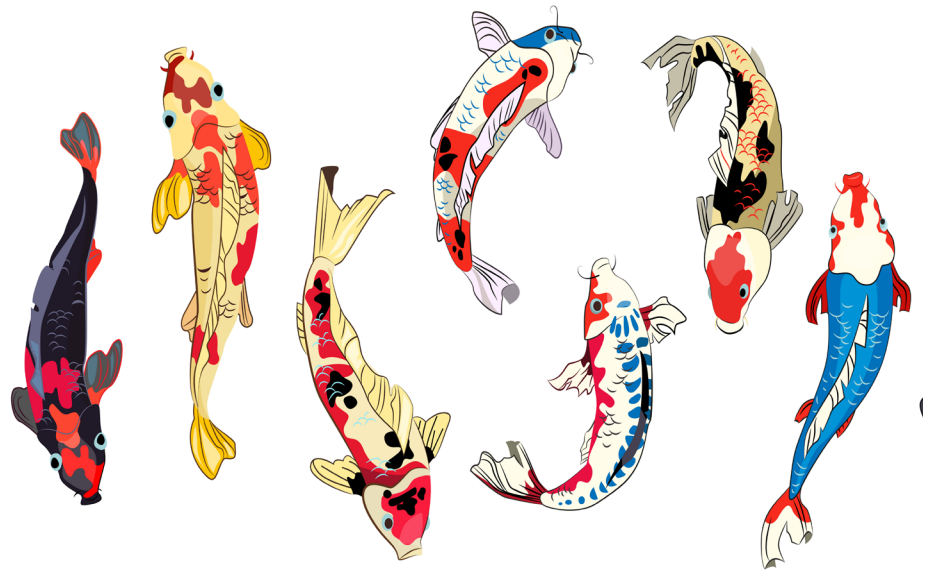


## Activity 2

### Koi Fish Colouring

Koi fish are very popular in Japan and are kept in many ponds. They are celebrated for their beauty and colours and are sometimes known as “living jewels.”

Koi are often depicted in Japanese art



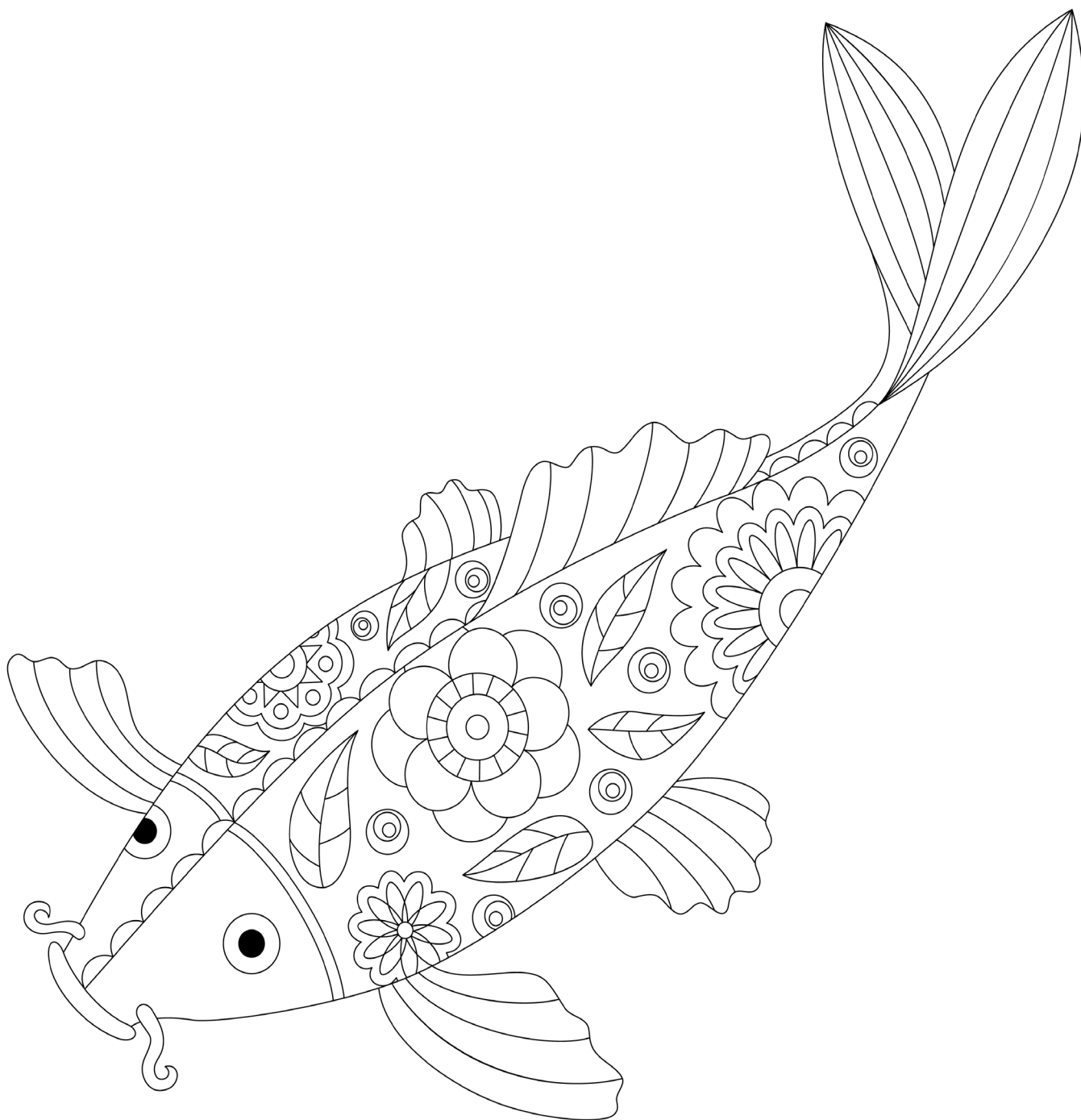
There are often competitions to find who has the most beautiful Koi Fish. Koi Fish can be sold for thousands of euros.

Colour in the Koi fish below for your own Japanese inspired piece of art!



## Activity 2

### Koi Fish Colouring



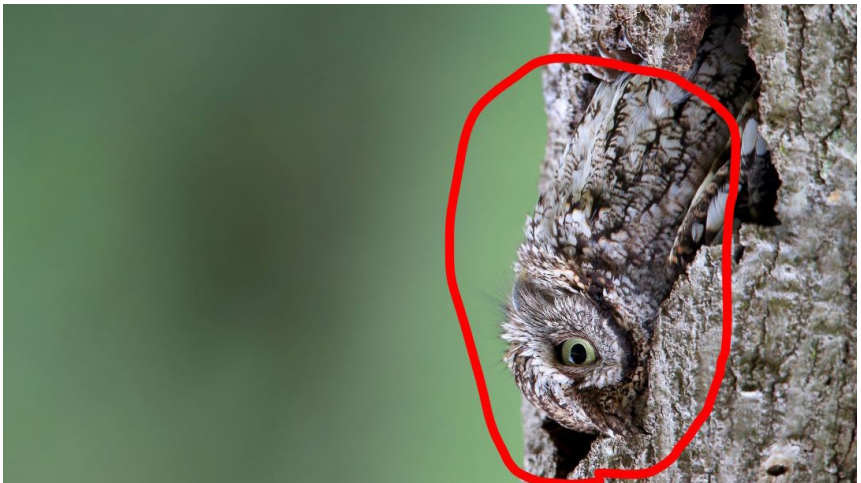


# Answers

## Camouflage test!



**A** Green Lizard in Sri Lanka



**B** An Adult Screech Owl in Florida, USA



**C** A small Quaker moth



# Answers

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**D** A grey tree frog



**E** A green leaf insect

