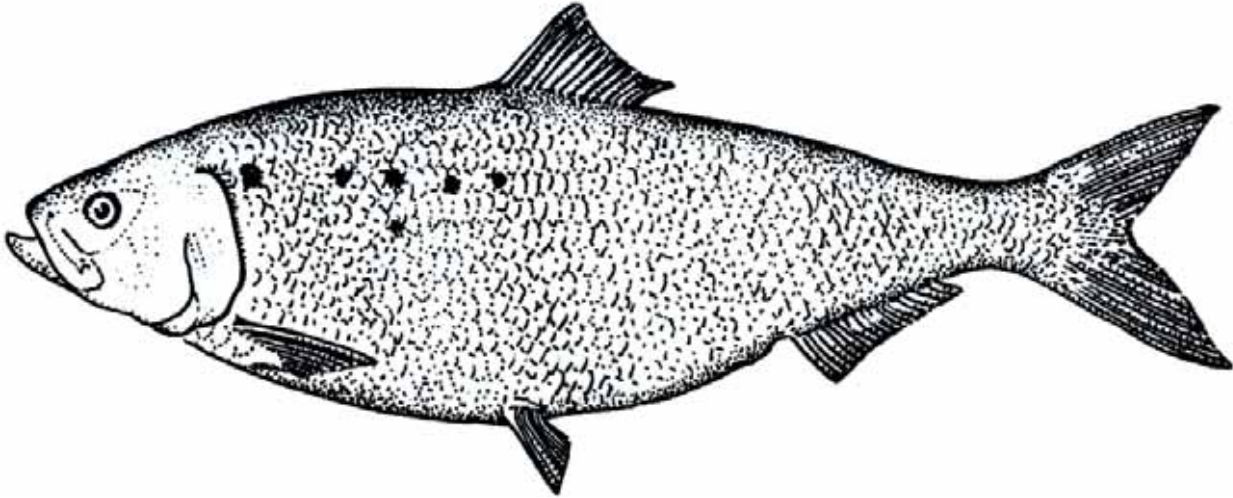




## American Shad

### Instructions

On a separate piece of paper, write down what you think American Shad eat, and what eats them. Write in complete sentences.



American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) is the largest herring in the world. Like salmon, it is **anadromous**, which means that it **migrates** from the ocean into rivers to **spawn**. American shad spawn in the Potomac River from March through May. Young shad live in the river until late fall, when they migrate into the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean. American shad are an important food source for many river animals.