



The Right Tools for the Job

Here is what you will need to hook and land one of these "silver bullets"!



Rods and reels

You'll need a long fishing rod to fight these strong fish. Many shad anglers prefer a medium- to fast-action graphite rod that is 6 to 8 feet long. The handle section should be very strong, too. Pair that rod with a good spinning reel that holds 200-300 yards of 4- to 6-pound test line. Clear line works best.



Shad darts

Flutterspoons

Gold spinners

Lure them in

Shad are fussy. It is hard to tell what they will strike at from day to day. That is why shad lures come in many shapes and colors. There are three common shad lures you should have in your tackle box:

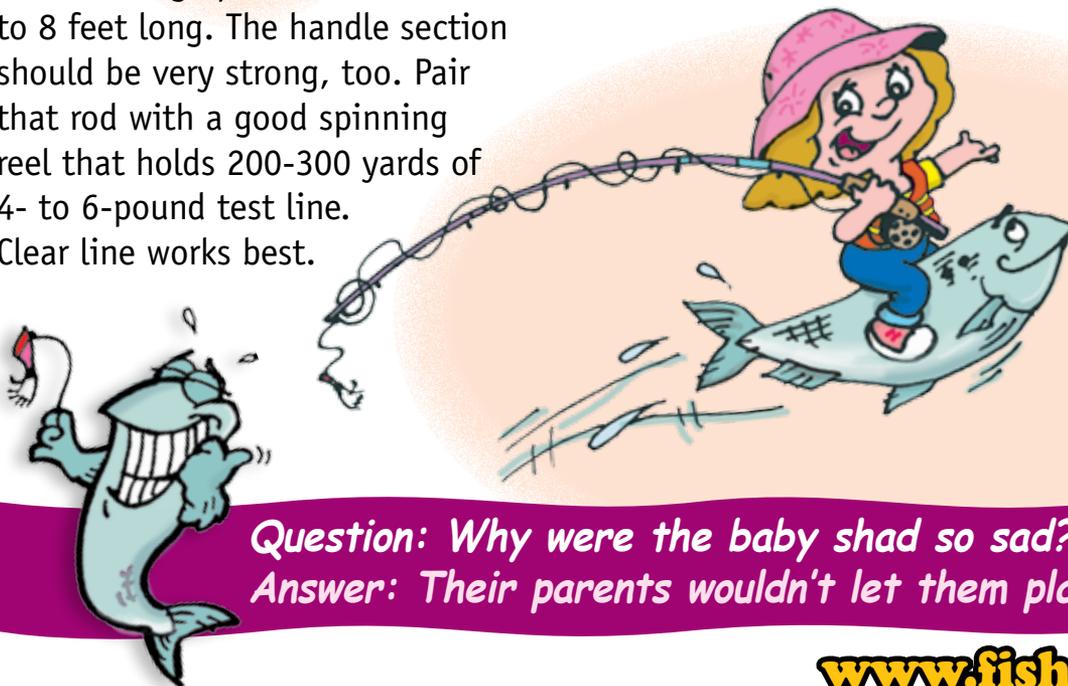
Shad darts—bright colors like chartreuse, hot pink and orange work great.

Flutterspoons—gold and silver are the standard. Shad can't resist the flash of the wobbling spoon.

Gold spinners—Keep a few on hand. It might take some extra bling.

Shad on the Fly

Catching shad on a fly rod is a blast. Use an 8- or 9-foot rod with fast sinking line. Then, tie on a tiny dart, spoon or fly.



Question: Why were the baby shad so sad?

Answer: Their parents wouldn't let them play with darts!