

BOOK 1 – 15

# EXERCISES

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## **The books and exercises**

The fifteen e-books form a course in sport fishing for pike, zander and perch. Lots of knowledge about these species and sport fishing for them is presented. In addition, there is a mini-course on what you can do more in nature.

This should inspire more outdoor activities and provide the knowledge needed to catch fish and handle yourself in an outdoors environment.

These exercises are aimed at those who have read one or more books, because of course you must have done so. Otherwise, the work material becomes a guessing game and rather meaningless.

Reading the book once more and looking for the answers is of course allowed. There is no key to the exercises, so you sometimes have to look it up in the book. Several questions are more free and you can write what you think.

The tasks are adapted to young people but can also be solved by adults and in the family. A very good method is to read the book and solve the tasks together during discussions. If you get stuck and wonder about something, you can contact me via email. I will answer.

The books and work materials also provide useful reading training for those who might otherwise not read very often.

The sheets are also available without writing space, so you can write on paper or in a separate notebook. Choose which one suits you best.

Schools are welcome to download the books and use the work material for reading and writing training. It is also suitable as a "teaching aid" in study circles about sport fishing.

If you want to practice in other languages the books are available in nine languages and you can then use this English version of the exercises. This can also be done with the other languages and students with e.g. native Polish speakers can benefit from reading the Polish books.

## **Book 1 Fishing in Sweden**

- 1 Why is it so easy to fish in Sweden?
- 2 Where in Sweden can you fish without a fishing license?
- 3 How has fishing in Sweden's lakes changed over the years?
- 4 In which part of the country are gray and char most common?
- 5 Why was the Fishing Areas (FVO) formed?
- 6 What fishing methods do you usually use?
- 7 Which ones would you like to try?
- 8 What can a fishing shop help you with?
- 9 What can you find at Sportfiskeguide.se?
- 10 Each FVOF determines its own fishing regulations.
- 11 Why do these rules exist?
- 12 What does a *fisketillsyningsman* do?
- 13 Why is catch-and-release good?

### **Right or wrong.**

- 14 a-d If you buy a fishing license in one FVO, you can fish
  - with a net.
  - for crawfish
  - with a spinning rod for instance
  - in all lakes in Sweden.
- 15 You must know the rules that apply in the lake you fish in.
- 16 In many waters, young people can fish for free.

### **This is not correct. Explain why.**

- 17 There are zander in all lakes.
- 18 All fishing areas have the same rules.
- 19 You can rent a boat in all FVOs.
- 20 All lakes are closed for fishing in winter.

## **Book 2 Fishing with the Family**

1 a-g What would you like to do by a lake?

- Walk on a path
- Bike on a forest road
- Paddle a canoe
- Sleep in a tent
- Pick berries
- Make a fire
- Cook

2 What fish have you caught?

3 Which ones would you like to catch?

4 Why?

5 Do you know anyone who loves to fish?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

6 Fishing is for adults only.

7 When fishing for perch, the float should be large.

8 If you have a big hook, the fish gets stuck more easily.

9 The line on your fishing rod should be thick.

10 You throw out dough and maggots to feed the fish.

### **Finish the sentences.**

11 Having a boat is good because then...

12 Vases are built to...

13 Good fishing methods at a vase are...

14 Setting the anchor is good because...

15 For trolling you need...

16 It's great to use surface lures when practicing casting because...

17 Children do not need a fishing license if...

18 On a fish finder you can see...

19 The easiest way to get a fish into the boat is with...

20 Before you step onto a frozen lake, you have to make sure that...

### **Book 3 Trolling 1**

#### **Finish the sentences.**

1 Trolling is an efficient method because....

2 For trolling you need ....

3 Rowing the boat with the line behind it is called...

4 The good thing about planer boards is that...

5 If you want to troll in a shallow area, you can ...

6 If you don't get bites when trolling, you can change...

7 If you want to catch perch trolling, you...

#### **8 a-e What are these things used for and why are they good?**

Rod holder.

Fish finder.

Depth map

Line counter reel

Leader

9 When are leaders especially important?

#### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

10 All the fish you see on a fish finder will bite.

11 All fish that spot a wobbler will bite.

When trolling you must

12 use a fish finder.

13 have special rods.

14 use braided line.

15 use side planers.

16 use the same speed.

17 All wobblers work at the same depth.

18 You get more zander bites if you go really fast.

19 Change wobblers all the time, even if you get bites.

## **Book 4 Trolling 2**

- 1 Why is the bait always very important?
- 2 Why are floating baits the best?
- 3 How big a bait fish can pike swallow?
- 4 What size wobblers are suitable for pike trolling?
- 5 How can you improve a wobbler?
- 6 By looking at it, how do you know if a certain wobbler runs shallow or deep?
- 7 How can you change the working depth of a wobbler?
- 8 Which is the easiest way?
- 9 What can be a problem if you put weights on the line?
- 10 How does a bottom bouncer work?
- 11 Have you ever had a difficult snag? What happened?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

- 12 All wobblers get the same number of hits.
- 13 All colors get the same number of bites.
- 14 The bigger the wobbler, the more bites.
- 15 A wobbler runs at the same depth no matter what line you use.
- 16 Always cast out your trolling wobbler.

### **Right or wrong if you get a snag when trolling?**

- 17 Immediately pull the line as hard as you can.
- 18 Go back and try to release the wobbler from the opposite direction.
- 19 Keep the line tight all the time.
- 20 Make jerks with your rod and let the line loosen now and then.

## **Book 5 The Biting Times of Pike**

1 After reading the book, do you believe in biting times?

2 What was new in the book "*Nu hugger gäddan!*"?

3 Why did the book became a sensation?

4 Why didn't anyone protest against our findings?

5 Who was Nanny and what happened to her?

6 What test methods did we use?

7 What's good for you if you know when pike bite?

8 How long were the periods we found when fishing on the ice?

9 Why did Roland get pikes while we got none or very few?

10 Which pike baits do you like?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

11 Pike only eat during the biting periods.

12 All pike eat twice a day.

13 Pike eat equally often and as much in summer and winter.

14 If you are going ice fishing, you had better start around 12 o'clock.

15 It is only when ice fishing and trolling that you can benefit from the periods.

### **Finish the sentences.**

16 In the county of Kronoberg and the rest of Sweden, the chances of catching pike are good because...

17 At Fiskekartan.se you can find...

18 Curt Lindhé meant that the biting times of pike in winter...

19 In the summer, Phillips fished...

20 We caught many more pike ice fishing than trolling because...



## **Book 6 Pike Fishing**

- 1 Why do you like to fish for pike?
- 2 What methods have you tried?
- 3 What pike baits do you own?
- 4 What could be the reason that the biting period in a lake is very short?
- 5 What time of day should you go ice fishing for pike?
- 6 Why is fishing good at that time?
- 7 At what times is pike fishing in the open best during winter?
- 8 What should you consider when boat fishing in winter?
- 9 Where are most pike in winter?

### **Right or wrong?**

- 10 Pike always manage to catch the fish they attack.
- 11 If they miss, they try again after a while.
- 12 Days when pike hunt all day are rare.
- 13 Pike can attack each other.
- 14 In summer, about as many pike hunt in the morning as in the evening.
- 15 In cold water, your lures should move slowly.

### **Finish the sentences.**

- 16 It is exciting to fish for pike because...
- 17 The method I would like to try is...
- 18 The best photo in the book is...
- 19 I think so because...
- 20 My best fishing photo shows...

## **Book 7 The Biting Times of Zander**

1 After Kjell's first zander experience, he thought he was the king of zander fishing. Why was this wrong?

2 We saw interesting things in Martin's boat. How were they used?

3 What test methods did Kjell use?

4 How could he use more than two rods?

5 How did the fish move in Scherer's experiment?

6 What did Ryder notice during his dives?

7 When did Kelso catch walleye in his nets?

8 How well did the studies on walleye agree with Kjell's zander studies?

9 Why do walleye and zander so easily catch fish at dawn and dusk?

10 Describe the catch result in the Netherlands with respect to time.

11 Do you want to try fishing dawn and dusk?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

12 You must use a light meter when fishing for zander.

13 There will be bites every evening when the lux number is right.

14 Zander swim deeper when it gets dark.

15 The biting times of pike times are the same also in zander lakes.

16 You can get just as many zander even during the day.

### **Finish the sentences.**

17 You can catch zander outside the biting periods, but...

18 Kjell studied some theses and understood that...

19 He noticed that during the day it was...

20 Most zander hit Kjell's wobblers...

## **Book 8 Zander Fishing**

1 What methods have you used fishing for zander?

2 Have you had any bites?

3 Why are zander so popular in Sweden?

4 Why are zander found deep during the day?

5 When does their digestion take the shortest time?

6 Why are so many of the stomachs of zander you catch empty?

7 Exactly how do zander catch a fish?

8 What type of fish do zander prefer to hunt?

9 Which wobblers have you tried?

10 Have they worked?

11 Do you have a color that zander like?

**This is wrong. Explain why.**

12 There are walleye in Sweden.

13 There are zander in all waters in Sweden.

14 Zander like light.

15 Zander need to eat every day, just like humans.

16 When trolling, the rod tip bends quickly when a zander bites.

17 During ice fishing and float fishing, the zander quickly swims away with the prey fish.

**Finish the sentences.**

18 Zander do not like perch and bream because...

19 It's difficult for a baitfish to get out of a zander's mouth because...

20 If you find a wobbler that attracts a lot of bites...

21 What you can vary during fishing are...

22 I like zander fishing because...

## **Book 9 Zander in the Dark**

- 1 How do zander react when it gets dark?
- 2 How does the zander's digestion vary during the year?
- 3 What was the main conclusion after the night fishing on ice?
- 4 Why is Kjell a little doubtful about whether this applies generally?
- 5 What is the similarity between Kjell's night fishing on ice and in his boat?
- 6 Why was Kjell disappointed after his conversation with Stefan?
- 7 What did he learn on August 8?
- 8 What is the similarity between Stefan's large catch and Daniel's and Kjell's experience on the ice?
- 9 What did Kjell think when he had fished a lot at night on the ice and in the boat?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

- 10 All walleye and zander that rise in the water at dusk plan to feed.
- 11 50 years ago, there was great variation in zander fishing methods.
- 12 During Kjell's test fishing on the ice at night, most of the zander hit in the morning.

### **Finish the sentences.**

- 13 You should not use as many rods as Kjell did during the test night because...
- 14 For six hours in the boat at night...
- 15 David and Kjell caught a large walleye 70 minutes after sunset. That may indicate that...
- 16 Per at the Fiskeriverket explained that...
- 17 When Daniel and Kjell experienced a biting rush, they were lucky because...
- 18 Would you like to try night fishing?

## **Book 10 Perch Fishing**

1 Why is it good to choose perch when you want to start fishing?

2 In which places in a lake can perch be found most easily?

**This is wrong. Explain why.**

3 Perch always swim alone.

4 Reel in slowly and evenly.

5 Nets are not needed when fishing for perch.

6 Always fish with the same bait color.

7 Stay in the same place even if there are no more bites.

**Finish the sentences.**

8 When you *pimpelfiskar*, you use...

9 It is called "walking the dog" because the bait...

10 The reasons why Kjell did not succeed in perch fishing were that...

11 In deep water, perch are often found...

12 On a fish finder, perch may look like..

13 On the surface, you can sometimes see where the perch may be by...

14 You can mark where a school of perch is by...

15 To cast from an anchored boat is...

16 Maciej got two zander because he...

17 The two vertical methods Kjell uses when fishing for perch are...

18 MacLean showed that the hunting times of perch are in.... and in...

19 Kjell means it is difficult to say exactly when perch will hunt because...

20 The best weather for perch fishing is...

21 Christoffer recommends the spinners...

22 Andreas and Kjell found perch by...

23 Jan's combination bait consisted of...

24 Three ways to fish vibration baits (Power Blade) and tail spinners (Spinmad) are...

## **Book 11 More Pike, Zander & Perch Fishing**

What do you think of the methods after reading about them?

- 1 Jig trolling for pike
- 2 Jig trolling for zander
- 3 Baitfish trolling
- 4 Clucking for perch
- 5 Ice fishing
- 6 Float fishing and slow trolling
- 7 Have you tried any of these methods? 8
- 8 Did you have any bites?
- 9 Why should you use a stiff rod when jig trolling?
- 10 What are the differences between jig trolling for pike and zander?
- 11 When is the best time of day to jig for zander?
- 12 Why did Roland catch fish while my "professional" rod did not work at all?
- 13 How should you attach the baitfish when float fishing and slow trolling?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

- 14 Frozen fish is best for baitfish trolling.
- 15 Perch clucking is best in deep water.
- 16 When ice fishing, one hand-held rod is used.

### **Finish the sentences.**

- 17 To be able to troll for pike with jigs, you need...
- 18 You can move the rod tip up and down when jig trolling for zander but...
- 19 Björn noticed that it was a pike that had taken his bait fish because...
- 20 When fishing mobile float fishing with sideplaners you...

## **Book 12 Vertical Fishing**

1 How did fishing champion Jörgen fish when he used "traditional vertical fishing?"

2 Why did he change jigs so frequently?

3 Why did he get many more zander than Kjell?

4 What is meant by a "dead rod" and how is it used?

5 According to Geert and JanKees, what should Kjell get better at?

6 How can you behave when you have a Fireball bite?

7 Why is a fish finder necessary in pelagic vertical fishing?

8 Why do some people fish pelagically at night?

9 What do you need to try "Everyman's Vertical Fishing"?

10 Have you tried fishing vertically?

11 Which method did you use?

**This is wrong. Explain why.**

12 The jig must be in motion at all times.

13 Geert and JanKees used larger jigs than we do in Sweden.

14 They thought you could keep the jig away from the bottom.

15 Drift fishing only works when fishing for zander.

16 Lower the jig until it is a few centimeters above the pelagic fish.

**Finish the sentences.**

17 "Strike like hell" means to...

18 Jörgen set out a marking buoy when...

19 The difference between traditional vertical fishing and Fireball is that...

20 A drift anchor is good for Fireball fishing because...

21 In pelagic vertical fishing, you try to...

22 A "waypoint" is a...

## **Book 13 Catch a Big One**

### **Yes or no.**

- 1 Do you want to catch big fish?
- 2 a Do you weigh the fish you catch? b Do you measure them? c Do you take photos of them? d Do you publish your photos somewhere?
- 3 Do you know your personal best for pike, zander and perch.
- 4 Learning a lot about fishing and fish increases the chances of landing a big one.
- 5 Do you have a good lake to fish in?
- 6 Kjell thinks he would have caught more big fish if he had always used big baits.
- 7 He also believes he would have received fewer bites then.
- 8 I often get lucky when I fish.

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

- 9 Some fishermen know everything about fish and fishing.
- 10 Special methods are needed to catch a big one.
- 11 All wobblers and colors are great.
- 12 Predatory fish can catch and swallow prey that is 60% of their own length.

### **Finish the sentences.**

- 13 The chances of getting bites increase if you...
- 14 I think big baits bring...
- 15 Luck can...
- 16 The book mentions some pikes. What were the weights of the 110 cm pike and the 127 cm pike?
- 17 Why wasn't there a larger difference in weight between them?
- 18 What do you think the 128 cm pike that is the Swedish record (2022) looked like?
- 19 How big a fish, (pike, zander, perch), would you like to have caught in three years?



## **Book 14 Spin Fishing**

- 1 Do you often go spin fishing?
- 2 What types of baits do you use?
- 3 What's so fun about spin fishing?
- 4 What species have you caught spin fishing?
- 5 What would you like to catch?
- 6 Where are zander and pike in summer and autumn?
- 7 Where must the spinning baits be placed when it's hot?
- 8 What is the Lazyman's method?
- 9 How can you co-operate while spin fishing?
- 10 Why do some fishermen catch much more than others?
- 11 Which of Christoffer's lures do you believe in the most? Why?

### **This is wrong. Explain why.**

- 12 When you practice the Lazyman's method, you raise and lower your rod.
- 13 Fishing for pike really shallow is not possible.
- 14 You have to use big baits to catch pike.
- 15 It is only the bait that determines whether you get a bite or not.
- 16 It doesn't matter how you move your rod tip.

### **Finish the sentences.**

- 17 In winter and spring, you should fish...
- 18 If you want to fish pike deep, you should use...
- 19 All spinning baits get more bites if...
- 20 My favorite bait is...
- 21 I'd also like to try ....

## **Book 15 Nature Holidays in Sweden**

1 What do you do outdoors?

2 Which of the activities in the book would you like to try?

3 Where did you spend a night? In a shelter, a tent, a caravan, a camper, a summer house, a hostel, a hotel.

4 What wild animals have you seen (at the zoo does not count). Hedgehog, hare, beaver, fox, deer, moose, bear, wolf, lynx.

5 Which would you like to see?

6 Which of the nature activities on page 23-36 have you tried?

7 Where do you go by bike?

8 How should one travel if it is to be sustainable?

9 Who has the right to hunt in Sweden?

**This is wrong. Explain why.**

10 It is forbidden to pick berries.

11 *Allemansrätten* gives you the right to camp in the forest for a week.

12 You can make a fire anywhere and at any time.

13 You can eat any mushroom.

14 During a holiday in nature, you must at all times check your mobile phone.

15 You have to live in a shelter during a nature holiday.

**Finish the sentences.**

16 One reason why people are less outdoors may be...

17 *Strandskydd* means that...

18 When picking mushrooms, you should...

19 The best time of day to see wildlife is...

20 If you like to watch birds bring a ...