

NOW YOU KNOW!

QUESTION: If there is oxygen in water, why can't humans breathe underwater?

For humans to breathe underwater, oxygen must move from the water into the blood. This takes longer than when oxygen moves from the air into the blood.

Gills are specialized to handle the slow movement of oxygen. Our lungs can't pick up oxygen from the water fast enough to keep us alive, which is why we drown if we try to breathe underwater.

