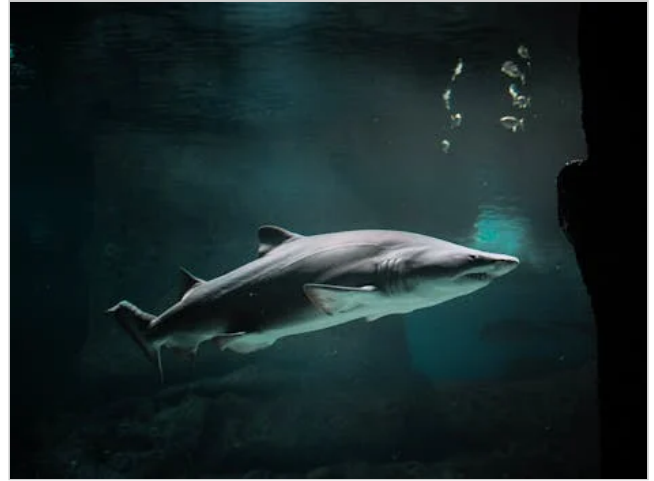


Sharks - Ocean Predators

Reading Worksheet — Level C |
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Sharks are **incredible** fish that have lived in the ocean for millions of years. They were here before the dinosaurs! There are over 500 different **species** of sharks. Some are big, and some are very small.

The great white shark is the most **famous** shark. It can grow up to 6 meters long! The whale shark is the biggest fish in the world. It is very **gentle** and only eats tiny plants and animals.

Sharks have amazing **senses**. They can smell blood from far away. They can feel movement in the water with special **organs** on their body. Sharks also have many rows of sharp teeth.

Many people are **afraid** of sharks, but shark attacks are very rare. Sharks do not want to eat humans. More people are killed by cows than by sharks! Sharks are **important** for the ocean.

Sadly, many sharks are in **danger**. People catch too many sharks every year. We need to **protect** sharks because they keep the ocean healthy. Sharks are amazing animals that deserve our respect!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. incredible _____ | a. to keep safe |
| 2. species _____ | b. hard to believe; amazing |
| 3. famous _____ | c. different types of animals |
| 4. gentle _____ | d. parts of the body that do jobs |
| 5. senses _____ | e. known by many people |
| 6. organs _____ | f. feeling fear |
| 7. afraid _____ | g. not safe; at risk |
| 8. important _____ | h. soft and kind; not rough |
| 9. danger _____ | i. matters a lot |
| 10. protect _____ | j. ways to feel, see, hear, smell, taste |

B. True or False

1. Sharks are mammals. ____
2. There are over 500 species of sharks. ____
3. The whale shark eats other fish. ____
4. Sharks have been here longer than dinosaurs. ____
5. Shark attacks are very common. ____
6. Sharks can smell blood from far away. ____
7. The great white shark is very small. ____
8. Many sharks are in danger. ____
9. Sharks are important for the ocean. ____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: incredible, species, famous, gentle, senses, afraid, protect

1. Sharks are _____ fish that have lived for millions of years.
2. There are over 500 different _____ of sharks.
3. The great white shark is the most _____ shark.
4. The whale shark is very _____ and harmless.
5. We need to _____ sharks from being caught.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. How long have sharks lived in the ocean?
2. Which is the biggest shark?
3. How do sharks find their food?
4. Are shark attacks common or rare?
5. Why are sharks important for the ocean?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Are you afraid of sharks? Why or why not?
2. What can people do to protect sharks?
3. What other ocean animals do you like?

Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-d, 2-e, 3-f, 4-g, 5-b, 6-h, 7-c, 8-i, 9-a, 10-j

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-incredible, 2-species, 3-famous, 4-gentle, 5-protect

D. Comprehension:

1. For millions of years (before dinosaurs)
2. The whale shark
3. Using smell and special organs to feel movement
4. Very rare
5. They keep the ocean healthy