



# Sharks — Amazing Fish of the Sea

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A shark is a special **fish** that lives in the **sea**. There are many kinds of sharks. Some sharks are very **big**, and some are small. The biggest shark is as long as a bus! Sharks have lived in the ocean for millions of years, even before the dinosaurs.

A shark has a smooth body and a **strong tail**. Its tail helps it swim very fast through the water. Some sharks like to swim **deep** down where the water is dark and cold. A shark must keep moving all the time so that it can breathe. Sharks are some of the best swimmers in the ocean.

A shark has many **sharp** teeth. When one **tooth** falls out, a new one grows back in its place! A shark can grow thousands of teeth in its life. Sharks **eat** fish, seals, and other sea animals. They are strong hunters and help keep the ocean full of healthy animals.

A shark can **smell** food from very far away. It has a wonderful nose and can find just a little blood in the big ocean. This helps the shark know where its food is. A shark can also feel the water move around its body, so it always knows what is near.

Many people are afraid of sharks, but most sharks do not want to hurt people. Most sharks are shy. Sharks help keep the sea clean by eating sick and weak fish. We should take good care of sharks, because the ocean needs them!

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. fish ____   | a. the part at the back end of an animal's body          |
| 2. sea ____    | b. to notice something by using your nose                |
| 3. big ____    | c. having a lot of power; not weak                       |
| 4. deep ____   | d. large in size   |
| 5. sharp ____  | e. having a thin edge or point that can cut              |
| 6. tooth ____  | f. to put food in your mouth and swallow it              |
| 7. smell ____  | g. an animal that lives in water and breathes with gills |
| 8. strong ____ | h. a large area of salty water                           |
| 9. tail ____   | i. going far down from the top                           |

10. eat \_\_\_\_

j. one of the hard white parts in the mouth used to bite



### B. True or False

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1. A shark is a kind of fish. \_\_\_\_
2. All sharks are very big. \_\_\_\_
3. A shark uses its tail to swim fast. \_\_\_\_
4. A shark can stop swimming and still breathe easily. \_\_\_\_
5. When a shark loses a tooth, a new one grows back. \_\_\_\_
6. Sharks eat fish, seals, and other sea animals. \_\_\_\_
7. A shark can smell food from far away. \_\_\_\_
8. Most sharks want to hurt people. \_\_\_\_
9. Sharks help keep the sea clean by eating sick fish. \_\_\_\_



### C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** fish, tail, sharp, smell, eat

1. A shark is a special \_\_\_\_\_ that lives in the sea.
2. A shark's strong \_\_\_\_\_ helps it swim very fast.
3. A shark has many \_\_\_\_\_ teeth for catching food.
4. A shark can \_\_\_\_\_ food from very far away.
5. Sharks \_\_\_\_\_ fish, seals, and other sea animals.

#### **D. Comprehension Questions**

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1. What kind of animal is a shark, and where does it live?
2. How does a shark swim so fast?
3. What happens when a shark loses a tooth?
4. How does a shark find its food?
5. Why are sharks important for the sea?

#### **E. Discussion Questions**

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1. Are you afraid of sharks? Why or why not?
2. What other animals live in the sea?
3. Why should we take good care of sharks and the ocean?



# Answer Key

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

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

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-fish, 2-tail, 3-sharp, 4-smell, 5-eat

**D. Comprehension:**

1. A shark is a special kind of fish, and it lives in the sea. Some sharks are very big and some are small.
2. A shark swims fast because it has a smooth body and a strong tail that pushes it through the water.
3. When a shark loses a tooth, a new one grows back in its place. A shark can grow thousands of teeth in its life.
4. A shark uses its wonderful nose to smell food from far away, and it can feel the water move around its body.
5. Sharks are important because they keep the sea clean and healthy by eating sick and weak fish, so the ocean needs them.