

Sharks

There are more than 500 different species of shark, including the great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark and tiger shark.

Where do they live?

Sharks can be found in every ocean.

The most shark attacks have been in Australia, South Africa, America and Brazil.

What do they eat?

Some types of shark can be deadly, but only about 12 species have ever attacked humans.

What sharks eat depends on its species and where it is.

Most sharks are meat eaters so they like to eat fish and other sharks. Some larger sharks eat dolphins, sea lions and small whales.

Smaller sharks eat small aquatic life like clams and crabs.



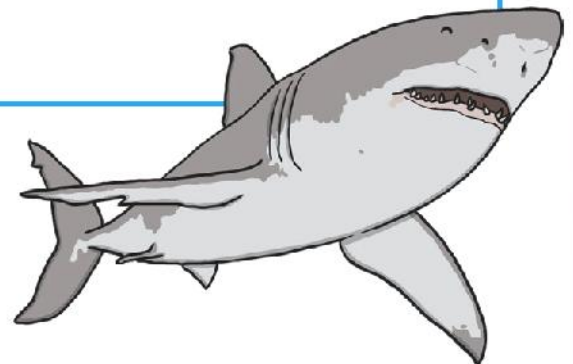
Grey Reef Shark



School of Hammerhead Sharks

Big Facts

1. A group of sharks is called a shoal, school or shiver.
2. Sharks have a skeleton of cartilage but no bones!
3. A baby shark is called a pup.



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What are they good at?

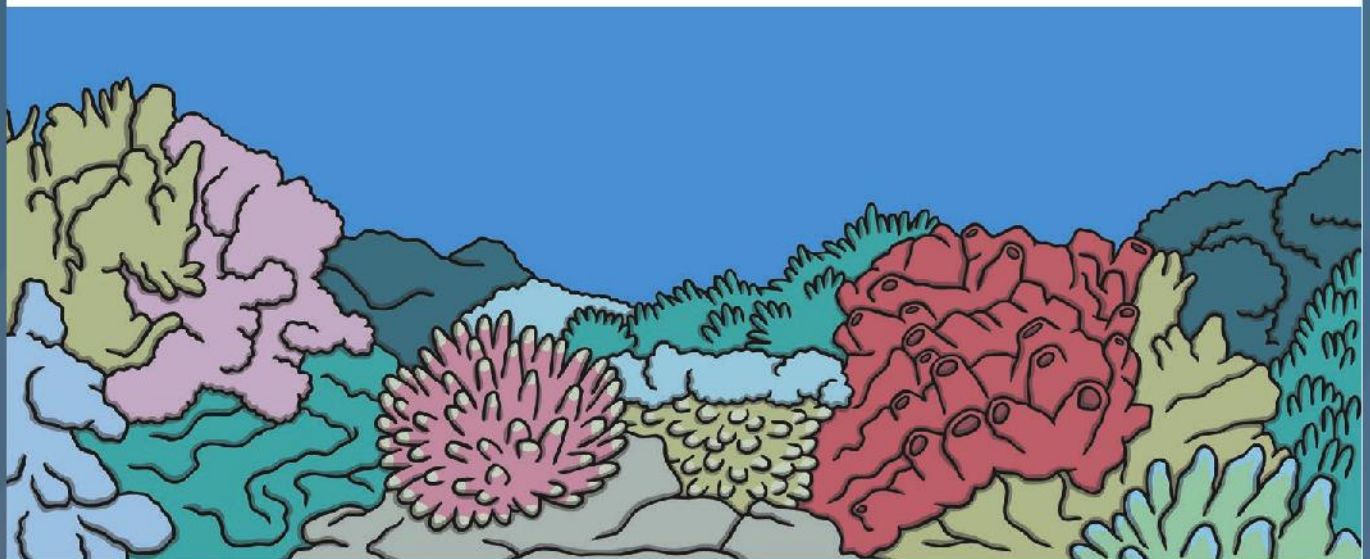
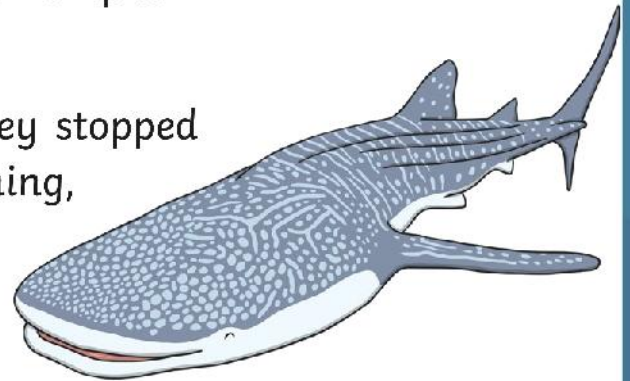
Sharks can smell a single drop of blood in the water from 400 metres away.

They can hear fish moving from around 500 metres away.

Great white sharks can swim up to 18mph!

Amazing Fact!

Most shark species would die if they stopped moving. As long as they keep swimming, water keeps moving over their gills, which keeps them alive.



Questions about Sharks

1. Name two types of shark.

2. What can a group of sharks be called?

3. What don't sharks have in their bodies?

4. What is a baby shark called?

5. Which countries have had the most shark attacks?

6. How many species of shark have ever attacked humans?

7. Name something a meat eating shark eats.

8. How fast can great white sharks swim?

Questions about Sharks Answers

1. Name two types of shark.

There are lots of different sharks like great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark and tiger shark. (Accept any two)

2. What can a group of sharks be called?

A group of sharks is called a shoal, school or shiver.

3. What don't sharks have in their bodies?

Sharks have no bones - they have a skeleton of cartilage.

4. What is a baby shark called?

A baby shark is called a pup.

5. Where do most shark attacks happen?

Most shark attacks happen in Australia, South Africa, America and Brazil.

6. How many species of shark have ever attacked humans?

Only about 12 species have ever attacked humans.

7. Name something a larger shark eats.

Larger sharks eat other sharks, dolphins, sea lions and small whales. (Accept any one)

8. How fast can great white sharks swim?

Great white sharks can swim up to 18mph!

