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Shark Facts

There are almost 400 different kinds of sharks. Each kind of shark looks 13
different, has a unique diet, and behaves differently. There are sharks in the 26
four oceans of the world. Some sharks are longer than a school bus, while 40
others are so small they can live in fish tanks. Sharks come in all kinds of 56
colors. Most of the time, their skin color helps them blend in with their 70
surroundings. But, some sharks that live in the deepest part of the ocean 83
actually have parts that glow in the dark. Most sharks live in salt water, but 98
some can live in fresh water. 104
Sharks are actually a type of fish. There are some similarities as well as 118
differences between sharks and typical fish. Shark skeletons are made of 129
cartilage. Fish skeletons are made of bones. Cartilage is the bendy, tough 141
substance in people's ears and noses. Like other fish, sharks have gills that 154
help them breathe. Unlike fish, people use lungs to get oxygen from the air. 168
Fish get oxygen from the water using their gills. Water needs to move over the 183
gills so the sharks can get enough oxygen. To keep the water moving, most 197
sharks need to be swimming in water that has a very strong current. 210
Sharks have a lot of teeth. Sharks have many rows of teeth, rather than just 225
one row like people. The teeth from the outside row gradually fall out. Then 239
teeth from the next row take their place. Some sharks will lose 30,000 teeth in 255
a lifetime! Each species of shark has different kinds of teeth and they eat 269
various kinds of food. Some sharks eat food as small as plankton. Other sharks 283
eat animals as big as sea turtles. Most sharks do not eat very often. Some 298
sharks will go weeks between meals. Sharks are at the top of the ocean 312
food chain. This position is very important. It keeps all of the other 325
animal populations from growing out of control. This process helps 335
ensure there is a diversity of life in the oceans. 345

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