

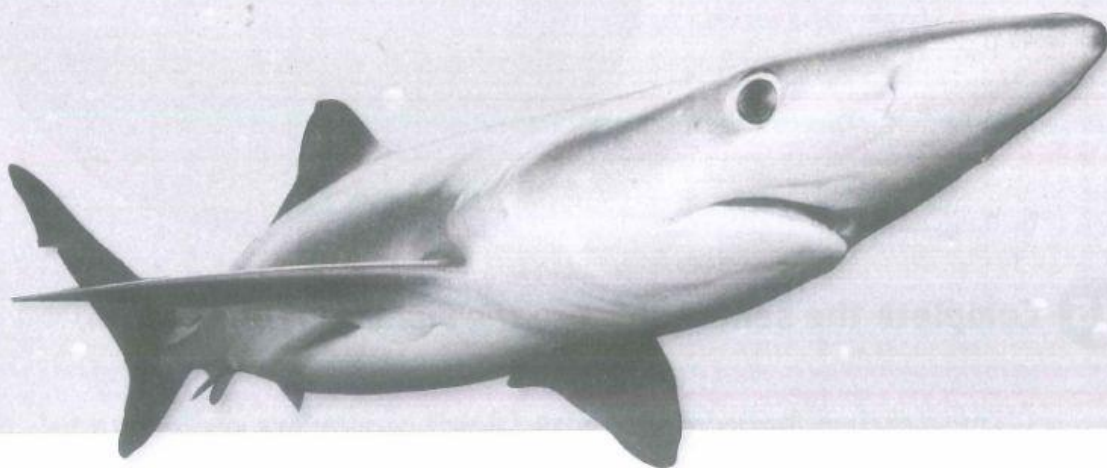
Looking for Lunch



A shark can grow
and lose 30,000
teeth in a lifetime.

It's another busy day in the ocean. All the sea animals are hungry. A parrotfish eats the soft part of a coral as it swims around. The energy from the food passes from the coral to the fish. It keeps the parrotfish alive, but not for long! A much larger blacktip reef shark swims by and sees the parrotfish. It moves closer. Its sharp teeth cut the parrotfish. Gulp! Energy moves up another link in the food chain. The energy that was in the parrotfish is now in the shark. And that shark or some other fish may end up on your plate for lunch!

Sea creatures—like people—eat more than one thing. And many of these animals fight for the same food. All of the animals and the food they eat connect to form a “food web.” In this web of life, energy moves from animal to animal. We are all connected to the ocean.



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1. Sea animals get energy when they eat other animals.
2. Energy moves from strong animals to weak animals.
3. A shark does not get energy from eating a small fish.
4. All sea animals are part of a food web.

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