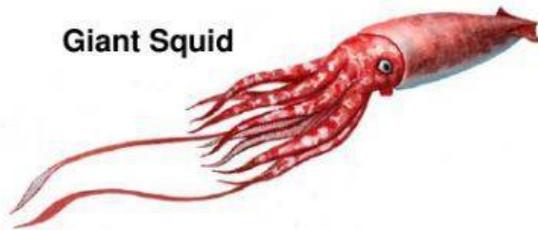


## Reading 2 – Sea animals

This is an extract from a science report about different sea animals. Read it twice and answer the questions.

### DEFINITIONS

- **Source:** origin; where something comes from.
- **Jaws:** the mouth (especially of an animal).



Plankton are tiny fish and plants; some are so small that are hard to see. Plankton are important in the ocean's food chain. They are the most important source of food for almost all fish larvae. *Basking sharks* and *blue whales* feed on them directly; other large fish feed on them indirectly, by eating fish of smaller size.

*Giant squids* have never been caught alive, so we know very little about them. They can be 17 metres long and are the largest animals without bones.

*Great white sharks* are very strong and can kill humans. They can be 6 metres long, which is smaller than some sharks. They usually live in warm seas and eat other fish and seals. They have very strong jaws.

The *whale shark* is enormous, sometimes more than 18 metres long. It is not dangerous: it only eats plankton.

The *basking shark* is another shark that only eats plankton. It can be 15 metres long. Sharks are not as dangerous as many people think.

**20. Why is plankton important? Because...**

- A. all fish feed on them directly.
- B. they are an important part of a balanced diet.
- C. they are eaten by some sorts of whales, sharks and fish.
- D. they are so small that you can hardly see them.

**21. Giant squids...**

- A. are not a mystery any more.
- B. are bigger than all whales and sharks.
- C. have very strong jaws.
- D. are the largest boneless animals.

**22. Mark with an X the ONLY THREE of these statements that are TRUE.**

- All paragraphs in this text are about sharks.
- The basking shark is not as big as the whale shark.
- Great white sharks and whale sharks are not dangerous for humans.
- Great white sharks don't feed on plankton.
- Great white sharks live in warm seas.
- Giant squids are similar to sharks in many ways.

**23. Why is the whale shark not dangerous?**

Because it \_\_\_\_\_

**24. These eight words appear on the text. Choose ONE SYNONYM from the box for the two expressions below:**

ENORMOUS	HARD	LARGEST	LONG
CHAIN	SMALLER	STRONG	TINY

(a) "Very small" = .....

(b) "Very big" = .....

**25. One title for this article could be:**

- A. Big fish are dangerous.
- B. Under the sea, big and small.
- C. Sharks are not dangerous.
- D. Meat-eaters under the sea.