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Sesión No. 6

Read the article about sharks then answer the questions.

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D)

## EQUIPPED TO SURVIVE

Animals exhibit a wide variety of special adaptations that help them survive in their habitats. Sharks, one of the oldest predators on earth, have been around for millions of years because of their ability to adapt to their environment. Sharks and their direct ancestors have ruled the oceans for over 300 million years.

They have unique features that explain why they have survived so many millions of years and earned the name “the perfect predator”. They have many rows of sharp teeth so they can easily rip apart their prey. In addition, sharks have an endless supply of teeth, so they are always able to hunt for prey. When a shark’s tooth breaks **another one** immediately replaces it. Sharks also have gills that allow them to take oxygen directly from the water. For that reason, sharks do not have to come to the surface to breathe and can stay underwater for unlimited amounts of time. They also have a torpedo-shape body that helps them swim fast through water.

Moreover, their coloration acts as a great camouflage. Sharks can approach their prey undetected because they blend perfectly in surroundings. For example, the great white shark is blue with a white belly so that it looks like the sky from below and like the sea from above. With such great adaptations, it’s no wonder that sharks are known as the greatest predators of the ocean.

**1. What is the author trying to do with the text?**

- A. Describe sharks’ adaptations to survive.
- B. Suggest the best way to take care of sharks.
- C. Explain the way sharks live in the water.
- D. Narrate a story about sharks.

**2. What question can be answered in the third paragraph?**

- A. What do sharks look like?
- B. How do sharks breathe?
- C. Why are sharks the greatest predators of the ocean?
- D. How long have sharks ruled the oceans?

**3. Which of the following is not true?**

- A. Sharks and their ancestors have ruled the world for less than 300 million years.
- B. Sharks’ teeth are able to rip apart their prey.
- C. Sharks can take oxygen directly from the water thanks to their gills.
- D. Sharks can approach their prey undetected because of their coloration.

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**4. What might a person decide to do after reading this article?**

- A. Take care of sharks.
- B. Go to the ocean.
- C. Look for more information.
- D. Write an essay.

**5. According to the text, sharks are not detected by their prey because**

- A. They have an excellent sight.
- B. They are very furious.
- C. They are blend animals.
- D. They do not eat meat.

**6. In the text, “When a shark’s tooth breaks another one immediately replaces it”, ‘another one’ refers to**

- A. A dangerous shark
- B. Oxygen
- C. A tooth
- D. A gill

**7. Which question is NOT answered in the passage?**

- A. What happens when a shark breaks a tooth?
- B. How many fins does a shark have?
- C. Why can sharks approach their prey without being noticed?
- D. Why have sharks survived all this time?

**8. Which of the following statements would the writer make?**

- A. Then I must admit that I hate sharks.
- B. I think that sharks are dangerous, and they mustn’t live.
- C. I think that sharks are the best animals that I have known.
- D. I think that sharks are wonderful animals for that reason, I love to investigate them.