

Nonfiction Text Features Assessment

For numbers 1 - 7, use the words in the bank below to label the parts of the nonfiction passage "Sharks."

heading	caption	diagram	bolded text
title	topic sentence	photo	

3. _____

All About Sharks

Sharks are mysterious creatures that have been around since the time of the dinosaurs. They live in oceans all over the world, and some can even be found in rivers and lakes.

One thing that makes sharks particularly unique is the fact that they have no bones. Their bodies are made up of **cartilage**, a tough fibrous substance that is much more flexible than bone.

4. _____

Types of Sharks

There are over 360 different types of sharks in the world today. Some of the most talked about sharks include the infamous great white shark, the bull shark, nurse shark, and the reef shark. The hammerhead shark is also commonly talked about because of its unique appearance.

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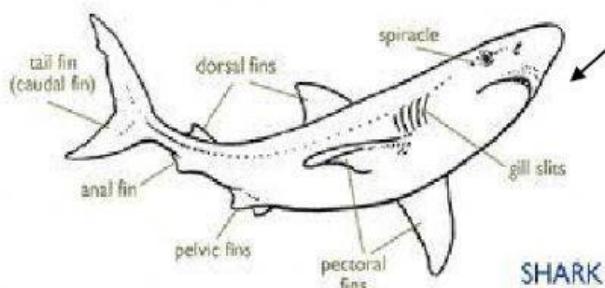


6. _____

The hammerhead is a very aggressive shark. They are well known for their hunting and unique head shape.

1. _____

2. _____



While different sharks have different body shapes, many of the sharks we typically think of look like the one above.

What They Eat

While the diet of a shark varies from type to type, one thing that is true for all sharks, is that they are all **carnivorous**, meaning that they eat meat.

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Some sharks, such as the tiger shark, the great white, and the mako shark prefer to feast on larger fish, squid, and other ocean animals. The great whites especially love to feast on sea lions.

Other sharks, such as the massive whale shark, are what we call filter feeders. They swim with their mouths open and feed on plankton and other small animals in the water.

Use the "Sharks" passage to answer questions 8 - 20.

8. Which heading would I look under to read about the types of food that sharks eat?

- a. Sharks
- b. All About Sharks
- c. Types of Sharks
- d. What They Eat

9. Which vocabulary word in the passage means that sharks "eat meat?"

- a. sharks
- b. cartilage
- c. carnivorous
- d. diet

10. How many different kinds of sharks are found in the world today?

- a. 60
- b. over 360
- c. 5
- d. it's unknown

11. What are the two fins on the top of the shark (on its back) called?

- a. dorsal fin
- b. tail fin
- c. pelvic fin
- d. pectoral fin

12. Where do sharks live?

- a. oceans
- b. rivers
- c. lakes
- d. all of the above

13. Which shark is most well known and talked about because of its unique appearance?

- a. great white shark
- b. hammerhead shark
- c. bull shark
- d. tiger shark

14. What do sharks that are filter feeders eat?

- a. large fish
- b. squid
- c. plankton
- d. sea lions

15. Sharks have no bones. Their bodies are made up completely of

_____, a tough, fibrous substance that is much more flexible than bone.

- a. bones
- b. tough skin
- c. fins
- d. cartilage

16. What food do the great white sharks like to feast on most?

17. How long have sharks been around?

18. Other than the shape of their heads, what else is the hammerhead shark well known for?

19. What is one type of shark that is a filter feeder?

20. What are three types of sharks mentioned in this passage?