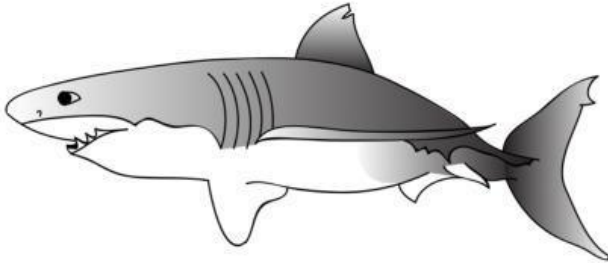


FINDING MAIN IDEAS

Instructions. Read the following passages.

Paragraph 1



You probably know sharks have very sharp teeth, but did you know they never run out of them? If a shark loses a tooth, another moves forward from within the shark's jaw, where it keeps a nearly unlimited supply of replacement

teeth. This way, it's almost impossible for a shark to end up without a full set of teeth. This is a phenomenon unique to the shark. No other animal in the world has teeth quite like the shark's. A shark can go through as many as 20,000 teeth in its lifetime!

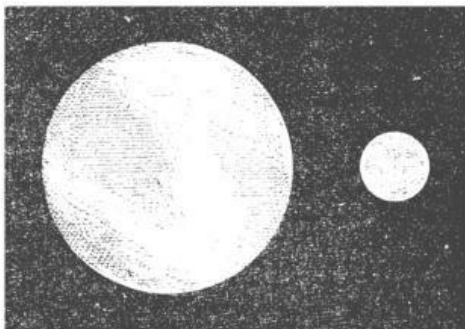
1. Which of the following sentences represents the main idea?

- A. You probably know sharks have very sharp teeth, but did you know they never run out of them?
- B. If a shark loses a tooth, another moves forward from within the shark's jaw, where it keeps a nearly unlimited supply of replacement teeth.
- C. This is a phenomenon unique to the shark.

2. Write a title for the paragraph, remember that it should be related to the main idea.

3. Underline supporting ideas in the text.

Paragraph 2



The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite, and we can look outside on a clear night to see it. Our moon is not the only moon in the Solar System, though. There are over 300 other moons! Even though we can clearly see the Moon at night, it is about 238,857 miles away from the Earth. However, the Moon seems very close by when you consider that the Sun is

about 92,955,817 miles away. The Moon goes through phases over a month's time. The

Moon phases include: new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, waning gibbous, third quarter, waning crescent.

1. Which of the following sentences represents the main idea?

- A. Our moon is not the only moon in the Solar System, though.
- B. The Moon goes through phases over a month's time.
- C. The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite, and we can look outside on a clear night to see it.

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