

3 The Wonders of Nature

Listening

A Look at the notes below before you listen. Which of the missing words will NOT be numbers? Say what you think those words might be.

- 1 The average length of a Great White Shark is _____ metres.
- 2 The biggest shark ever found was _____ kg.
- 3 Great Whites are in fact not all white, but mostly _____.
- 4 A Great White Shark has got approximately _____ teeth.
- 5 Its fastest speed is _____ kilometres per hour.
- 6 _____ is the Great White Shark's most important sense.

B  Now listen and complete the notes in A.

C Read the *Exam Close-up*. Then think about the words which could go in each gap in the *Exam Task*.

A great white shark in its natural habitat



D  Now listen and complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Task

You will hear an interview with a scientist who studies sharks. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

Wildlife Watch shark investigation

Number of people who died from shark attacks in 2008. (1) _____

Number of different (2) _____ of shark.

Reason why sharks bite: to find out (3) _____ about objects.

Sharks probably don't usually eat humans because humans have too many (4) _____.

Approximately (5) _____ sharks are killed by humans each year.

Many sharks are now (6) _____ extinction.

E  Now listen again.

Exam Close-up

Thinking about the answers first

- It's a good idea to understand what type of information you need to complete the gaps before you listen.
- Read the words before and after each gap and try to think of the type of words or numbers which could complete the gap.
- Then listen and write the exact same words or information you hear.
- In each gap you will normally need to write between one and three words.