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Hunters of the Sea

Sharks and orcas have a lot in common. Both of these sea animals are carnivores (meat-eaters) that hunt for their food. Like sharks, orcas have smooth bodies that can speed through the water, and lots of sharp teeth. But there is one major difference - sharks are fish, while orcas are mammals! Like most fish, sharks lay eggs. But orca babies are born live and drink milk from their mothers. Another difference is that orcas have bony skeletons, but sharks have no bones at all - only cartilage!

Sequence

Cause and Effect

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Volcanic Eruption!

You can make a realistic – looking volcano erupt in your kitchen! Set a clean soda bottle inside a pan or tray. (This will make it easier to clean up after your eruption.) Use a funnel to put 2 tablespoons of baking soda in the bottle. Add a few drops of red food coloring, too. Then, pat damp dirt or sand around the bottle to make a volcano shape. Now you're ready for the eruption. Just pour a cup of vinegar into the bottle and watch what happens!

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Disappearing Forests

People use trees for many things, including lumber for building and wood for fuel. When we only cut some trees, more can grow. But sometimes trees are cut faster than they can grow back. The forest animals lose their homes. Without trees, rainwater doesn't soak into the ground. As a result, the rain washes dirt into streams. New trees cannot grow because there is no soil. Fish can't live in the muddy water. Often, what was once a forest full of living things becomes a barren landscape.

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The Great One

Wayne Gretzky is one of the greatest hockey players who ever lived. He started playing hockey when he was very young. He scored 378 goals for his youth team when he was only 10 years old! When Gretzky was 18, he entered the professional league with the Edmonton Oilers. He became the youngest player ever to score 50 goals in one season. By the time he retired in 1999, he had broken almost every hockey scoring record. No wonder his nickname was" The Great One"!

Sequence

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Overcrowded Schools

Teachers know that students learn better in small classes. But many schools are too crowded. Building new schools is expensive and takes time. Some school districts are finding other ways to solve the problem. They may have two shifts, with some students taking classes in the morning and others in the afternoon. A year-round schedule can help, because students take their vacations at different times of the year. Many schools use trailer buildings for extra classrooms.

Sequence

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Compare and Contrast