## PRACTICE 1

*Read the article below and complete the following table with* **no more than three words and/or a number** *from the text for each answer.*

### My Sharks Encounter

My uncle is a true adventure seeker who loves the great outdoors. He enjoys hiking, camping and diving. However, he doesn't like to go on these adventures alone. So, I am the incredibly blessed nephew who gets to accompany him on all of his thrilling escapades. There was a slight twist on our last outing though – when he announced, "Ethan, let's go swimming with sharks!" I nearly dropped my phone after reading his text in disbelief! I couldn't believe how my mum had given him the green light for such an adventure, her only son at that! After several deep breaths, curiosity bubbled within me.

Our destination for this magnificent journey is the renowned Sipadan Island, Sabah. This island is famously known as a shark haven. We hopped onto a boat and set course for Barracuda Point. This is the spot to see sharks. As we prepared to dive, my heart raced with anticipation. My uncle, on the other hand, couldn't contain his off the chart excitement and he flashed me the two thumbs up. Our dive master, Jack, took the plunge first and we followed suit.

The underwater world was breathtaking, just teeming with vibrant marine life! It didn't take long for me to spot my first shark—a white-tip shark. My heart raced even faster! I panicked! However, my instincts guided me to remain calm. Thankfully, Jack was close by. Soon after, a grey reef shark glided right before me, seemingly indifferent to my presence as if I was just another fish.

As we swam deeper, I saw thirteen sharks swimming in a crisscross pattern which was just a wonderful scene. Suddenly, my uncle tapped me on the shoulder, pointing at a hammerhead shark! I watched in disbelief. Contrary to the terrifying portrayals of sharks in movies like Jaws and The Deep Blue Sea, these sharks showed no interest in humans at all. I realised I had let these films distort my perception of sharks.

Jack continued to guide us as we swam closely behind him. Further along, I spotted a dark shadow that I initially thought was a boat. It wasn't a boat though. It turned out to be a massive shoal of barracudas circling around us! We found ourselves right in the midst of these bright silver, swirling fish, all moving in perfect synchrony. I was floored by nature's beauty.

My uncle kept capturing all those beautiful moments, snapping photos of manta rays, turtles, eels and the stunning reefs. As our time in the water came to an end and we prepared to return to the resort, I felt a wave of reluctance wash over me. I vowed to return to this enchanting place in the future.



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**Location:**

1. _____

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**Dropped off point:**

2. _____

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**The reason for dropping off here:**

3. _____

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**Number of diving master:**

4. _____

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**The person that dived first:**

5. _____

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**The first type of shark spotted:**

6. _____

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**Name another type of fish spotted beside shark:**

7. _____

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**The adventurer extraordinaire:**

8. _____

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