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Did You Know?

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SHARKS



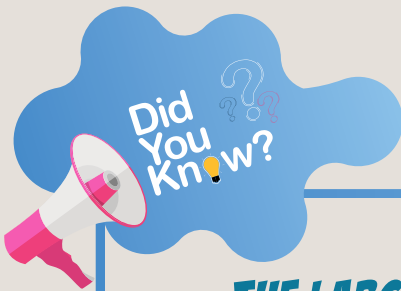
- SHARKS ARE CARTILAGENOUS FISH (Great white shark & Rays)
- COLD-BLOODED
- INTERNAL CARTILAGINOUS SKELETON
- SKIN WITH TEETH LIKE SCALES
- PLACOID SCALES COVERING THE SKIN AND GIVING IT THE TEXTURE OF SANDPAPER
- USE GILLS FOR BREATHING
- USUALLY HAVE FIVE GILL SLITS
- SHARKS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR MORE THAN 300 MILLION YEARS AND WERE AROUND EVEN BEFORE DINOSAURS
- THERE ARE ABOUT 350 DIFFERENT TYPES OF SHARKS
- MOST SHARKS LIVE FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS, WHILE SOME CAN LIVE TO BE 100 YEARS TOO
- WHEN A SHARK LOSES A TOOTH, ONE REPLACES IT
- SHARKS HAVE VERY GOOD SENSES
- SOME SHARKS LAY EGGS, WHILE MOST GIVE BIRTH TO BABIES
- THE WHALE SHARK IS CONSIDERED THE BIGGEST FISH IN THE WORLD
- THE DWARF SHARK IS AS TINY AS A HUMAN HAND



ACTIVITY 1

Instructions: Complete the sentences by circling the correct word or by completing the sentence.

1. Sharks belong to the family known as (cartoilegionous, cartilaginous, corteligionous)fish.
2. Sharks (skin, teeth, tail)are replaced all the time.
3. Sharks skin is called derma (denticells, denticals, denticles)and feels like sandpaper.
4. Sharks' have five to seven-gill slits which are used for
5. The Manta Ray is the (smallest, shortest, biggest) of the ray family.
6. The whale shark is the (biggest, smallest, longest) of the shark family.
7. The (heart, liver, pancreas) keeps a shark buoyant in the water.
8. The egg case of the Shark is called (mermaids spurs, mermaids purrs, mermaids purse).
9. Shark babies are called (pups, litters, babies).



THE LARGEST SHARK TOOTH FOUND BELONGED TO A CARCHARODON MEGALODON SHARK. THIS SHARK IS EXTINCT AND LIVED MORE THAN 4,5 MILLION YEARS AGO.



ACTIVITY 2

SHARKS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

L E H V S M D N J V K V P M F S B M B C E
 L U N T G J C D M K E B U R R D F U Z S L
 I K M I V O E A D O R S A L X I S X R N C
 G D W M L R P F U I Z Z X B Y A B U X Q A
 Q K X Z M U K S B D F L B R T M P Y O O R
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CARTILAGE

CAUDAL

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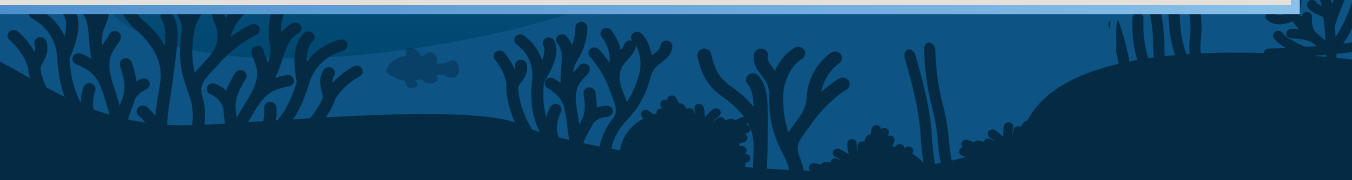
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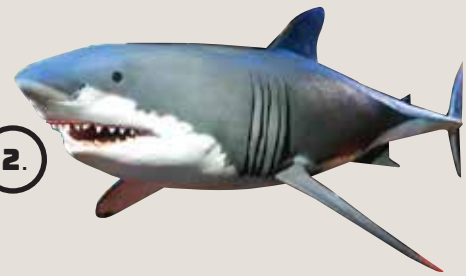


ACTIVITY 3

Instructions: Name the following.



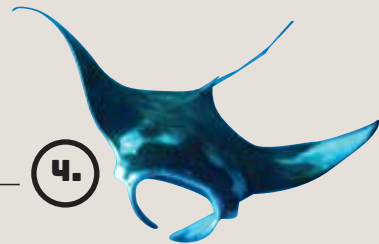
1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____

MANTA RAY

HAMMERHEAD SHARK

MEGALODON JAWS

SAWFISH

GREAT WHITE SHARK

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