

ULTIMATE SHARK FACTS QUIZ

QUESTIONS

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- 1. What is the largest species of shark?
- 2. What are baby sharks are called?
- 3. What are shark bones made of?
- 4. Up to how many teeth do sharks have? 100s, 1,000s or 10,000s?
- 5. Which shark is the longest living vertebrate known?
- 6. What is the collective noun for a shark?
- 7. Which is the fastest shark in the ocean?
- 8. What is the smallest species of shark in the ocean?
- 9. Do sharks have eyelids?
- 10. Can sharks see in colour?
- 11. Approximately how many species of shark can be found around Australia?
- 12. Name three species of shark commonly found off Australia
- 13. Do sharks lay eggs or give birth to live young?
- 14. What are mermaid's purses?
- 15. Which common shark lives in fresh and salt water?
- 16. From what distance can sharks detect blood?
- 17. From what distance can sharks sense vibration?
- 18. Do all sharks need to keep moving to breath?
- 19. How many sharks are killed by humans every year?
- 20. On average, how many people are killed by sharks in Australia each year?









Sharks are a vital part of the food chain. They maintain the balance and health of the ocean. Help protect our sharks by educating others.





ANSWERS TO THE ULTIMATE SHARKS QUIZ

- 1. The largest species of shark is the whale shark
- 2. Baby sharks are called pups

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3. Shark bones are made of cartilage

4. Many sharks have multiple rows of sharp teeth – they can grow over 10,000 in a lifetime

5. The Greenland Shark - research suggests it can live for up to 400 years!

6. The collective noun for a shark is a Shiver (or School, Shoal)

7. The fastest shark in the ocean is the Shortfin Mako Shark (up to 74k an hour)

8. The smallest species of shark is the Dwarf Lantern Shark (smaller than an adult human hand)

9. Yes - sharks do have eyelids but they don't blink

10. No - sharks do not see in colour

11. Approximately 180 species of shark can be found around Australia

12. Sharks commonly found off Australia: Great White, Port Jackson, Thresher, Zebra Shark, Tiger Shark, Tasselled Wobbegong, Whale Shark, Oceanic Whitetip, Blacktip Reef, Grey Nurse, Bull Shark, Bronze Whaler, Great Hammerhead, Blind Shark, Pygmy Shark

13. Some sharks lay eggs (oviparous) others give birth to live young (viviparous), and some do a combination of the two - they start life inside their mother as an egg, hatch inside her and then are born live (ovoviviparous)

14. Shark eggs - egg laying sharks lay egg cases known as mermaid's purses

15. Bull Shark

16. Sharks are able to detect blood from 5 km

17. Sharks can sense vibrations from 3 kilometres away

18. No. Some sharks must swim constantly in order to get oxygen-rich water

flowing over their gills but others pump water through their respiratory system.

19. 100 million sharks are killed by humans each year :(

20. 1 person on average gets killed by a shark in Australia each year :(

