

All About
SHARKS



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Sharks live in all of the parts of the world, but many sharks live on coral reefs.

Did you know that sharks skin is covered in tiny, thorn-like hooks called **DENTICLES**? They swim by beating their tail from side to side.

Sharks have an excellent sense of smell, they can detect blood from nearly 2 miles away.

Their jaws are loosely connected to their skulls. That way they can open their jaws wide to eat prey.

Did you know?

- *There are about 400 different types of sharks.*
- *They keep the population down by eating other fish, so the sea is not so crowded!*
- *Sharks are very timid to divers in their waters!*
- *A shark's skeleton is flexible because it is made of cartilage instead of bones.*

GREAT WHITES...

Great Whites can live up to 25 years of age. They are the largest predatory fish in the sea. They try to avoid fighting for food. Great whites can swallow a Sea Lion, and baby sharks eat Leopard sharks.



Source: <http://sharkfacts.org/great-white-shark-facts/>

Leopard Sharks...

The leopard shark is a very shy animal. They are very harmless to people, they can be scared easily. Leopard sharks maximum size is 180cm. But their size at birth is 20cm.



Leopard shark

Source: http://week.divebums.com/2006/Oct16-2006/leopard-shark_herb-gruenhagen.jpg

Leopard Sharks are sometimes confused with Zebra Sharks because of their pattern and size.

The Zebra Shark...



Zebra shark

Source: <http://sealife-ocean-life.knoji.com/facts-about-the-leopard-shark/>

The Zebra shark loves the tropical waters of the Indo-Pacific and they are often found at coral reefs or sandy flats. The depths can be up to 70 meters or 230ft. They prefer water with sufficient places to hide and rest.

Adults can reach a length of about 2 or 3.5 meters (6.5 to 11.5ft) and weigh between 20 and 30 kilograms (44 to 66 pounds). This type of shark has a lifespan of 25 to 35 years. They use an eel motion to swim.

Most people are bitten by sharks on their arms and legs.

Talking to Carley Schleenz (SHARK BITE)

Greensboro, NC

Q: What type of shark bit you?

A: *Bull shark*

Q: How many staples did you get?

A: *100*

Q: What time of day was it?

A: *1pm*

Q: How far out were you?

A: *4ft*

Q: Do you still go in the water at the beach?

A: *NO!*



Dedicated to the kids in
Kenya

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*Dear kids in Kenya,
It is so cool that you got to read my
book! All I can say is I hope you liked it!
- Alec Cerra*

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