

"Shark Facts"

Understand It!

Answer the following questions after reading:

- The word 'mystery' in the passage means...
 - complete
 - satisfied
 - unsure
 - positive
- Most people probably consider sharks...
 - harmless
 - endangered
 - useless
 - dangerous
- Sharks can compared best to...
 - giraffes
 - lions
 - horses
 - deer
- What is the most important idea?
 - sharks can swim
 - sharks have many teeth
 - sharks are fish
 - sharks are very interesting animals

Ever since I can remember I have been **fascinated** by sharks. I don't know why I am so **obsessed**. Maybe it's that I think they are so scary, or that they are a mystery to me. But, I just can't stop reading books and magazines about sharks! I have **retained** so much information about sharks over the years. Here are some of my most favorite and shocking shark facts. One, sharks have an average of 40-45 teeth in seven rows! They lose teeth all the time and go through about 30,000 teeth in a lifetime! Two, sharks don't have any bones in their body...at all. Their entire body is made up of cartilage. Three, sharks will eat anything. And when I say anything, I mean *anything*. Over the years, people have discovered shoes, chairs, boxes of nails, and even drums inside shark stomachs! The fourth and final shocking fact is no **doubt** my most favorite of all. The biggest fish ever caught by a rod and reel just happened to be a great white shark that weighed 2,664 pounds! That's just unbelievable to me. These shocking shark facts are just a few of the amazing things there are to learn and **memorize** about sharks!

Word Work Color the words in the passage that match each category below:



Words with suffixes



Words with 2 vowels together



Words that end with a vowel



Conjunctions

Vocabulary Copy the 5 **bold** words from the passage. Use context clues and what you know to define each word:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____