

Teacher Instructions: Have students circle the different types of sharks. Then discuss what the other animals are.

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Are People Dangerous?

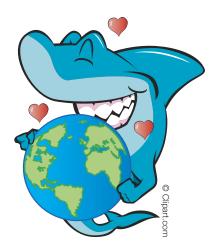
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People are dangerous! That's what a club called SHARKS says. SHARKS stands for Sharks Have **A R**ight to **K**eep **S**wimming.

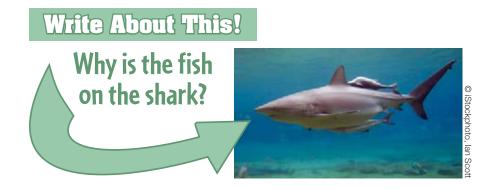
"Most sharks are not dangerous," says SHARKS. "Sharks kill around 10 people a year. But, did you know that people kill millions of sharks each year?"

Sharks do not have as many babies as other

fish do. They cannot **replace** all the sharks that are caught. Some people catch sharks for food.



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Some sharks are in danger of becoming **extinct**. If an animal becomes extinct, it disappears forever.

Some people have heard SHARKS. They are trying to help the sharks. Some people are using cameras to keep an eye on sharks. Others are cleaning up pollution in the oceans. Still others are passing laws to protect the sharks.

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Some people are still scared of sharks, and most sharks are scared of people. But we have to learn to help each other!



Whale Shark

The biggest shark is the whale shark. It can be up to 40 feet long. A whale shark can live to be 100 years old. The whale shark is harmless to people. It eats plankton. Plankton are very tiny sea plants and animals.



