Sharks in the Ocean

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Resources for Educators

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Dive into the ocean ecosystem and learn about the importance of SHARKS! Experience firsthand what OCEARCH is doing to solve the white shark puzzle, and find out what YOU can do to help protect our oceans for generations to come.

These educational resources are designed to be used with "OCEARCH Sharks in the Ocean" after reading the book with your child or class.

Instructions

These resources can be used individually or as a fun competition for children aged 6+. For the competition, print out the question sheet and give one copy to each child or team. Print out the individual activities and paste them around the room or class. You will need to print one copy of the wordsearch and the decoding activity for each child or team. Print the jigsaw and cut out the pieces - you can laminate it or paste it on card to use again. The first team or child to complete all the questions and activities is the winner!



Shark Competition

What are baby sharks called?	Name three sharks tagged by OCEARCH.
Complete the wordsearch. Finished:	Decode the secret message. What does it say?
Write one way you can help protect sharks and oceans.	the Which is the biggest fish in the world?
C	omplete the shark puzzle. Finished:OCEARCH Sharks in the Ocea by Katharine Baumgartner Illustrations by Jeffery C. Domn



Some species of shark lay eggs and some give birth to live young. Did you know baby sharks can swim and hunt as soon as they are born? They don't need parents to look after them! Baby sharks are called pups.





OCEARCH works together with scientists to research sharks. They go out on a boat to catch sharks carefully on a special lift. Then they take samples from the sharks and tag them to find out where they go. They give names to the sharks, like Katharine, Cabot and Mary Lee.

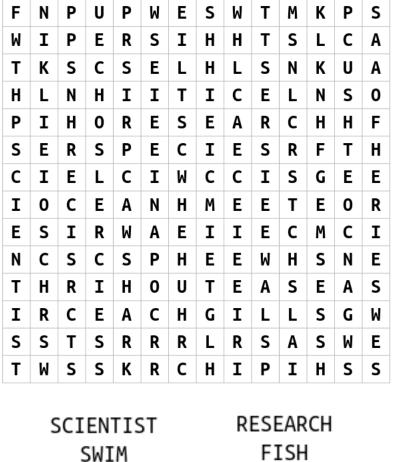


There are over 400 species of shark. Most of them are fierce hunters with rows of sharp teeth, like the great white shark but some are gentle and eat plankton or very small fish and plants. The whale shark is the biggest fish in the world and can grow to be the size of a bus!

We need to protect our seas and oceans so that sharks have a place to live. You can help by volunteering with an organization, or cleaning up at a beach or lake with your friends. You can reduce your use of plastic and make sure you only eat seafood that has been caught in an environmentally friendly way.



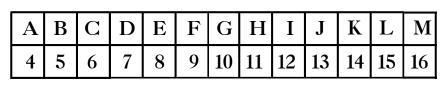
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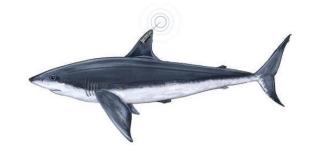
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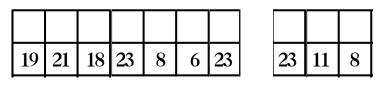
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Decode the secret message



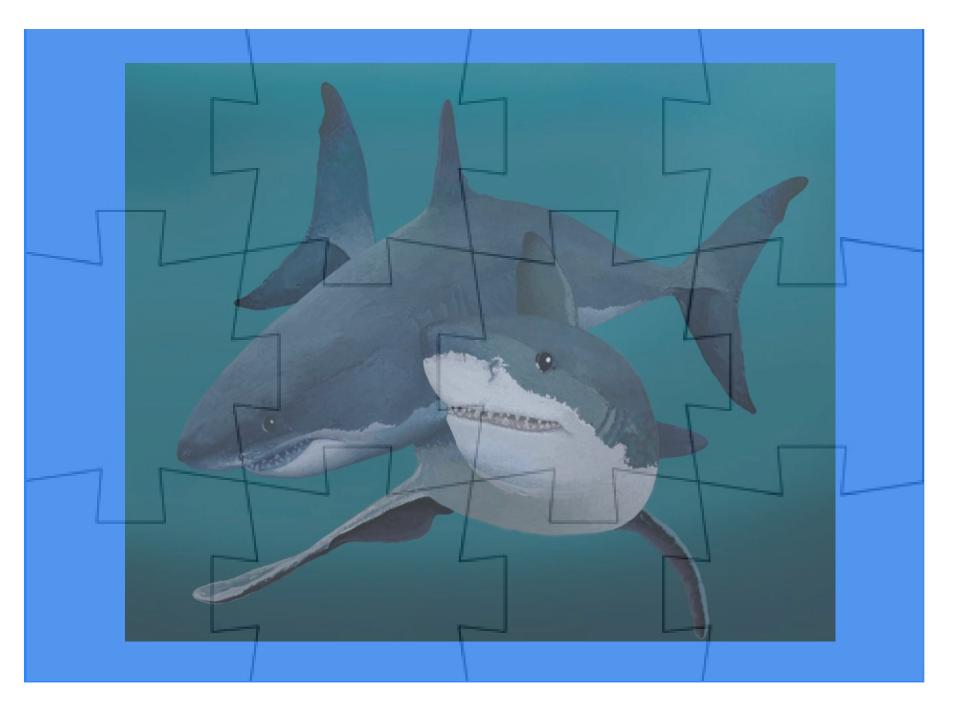
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You can find more fun products about sharks and ocean life at <u>www.oceanfamilygames.com</u>.

