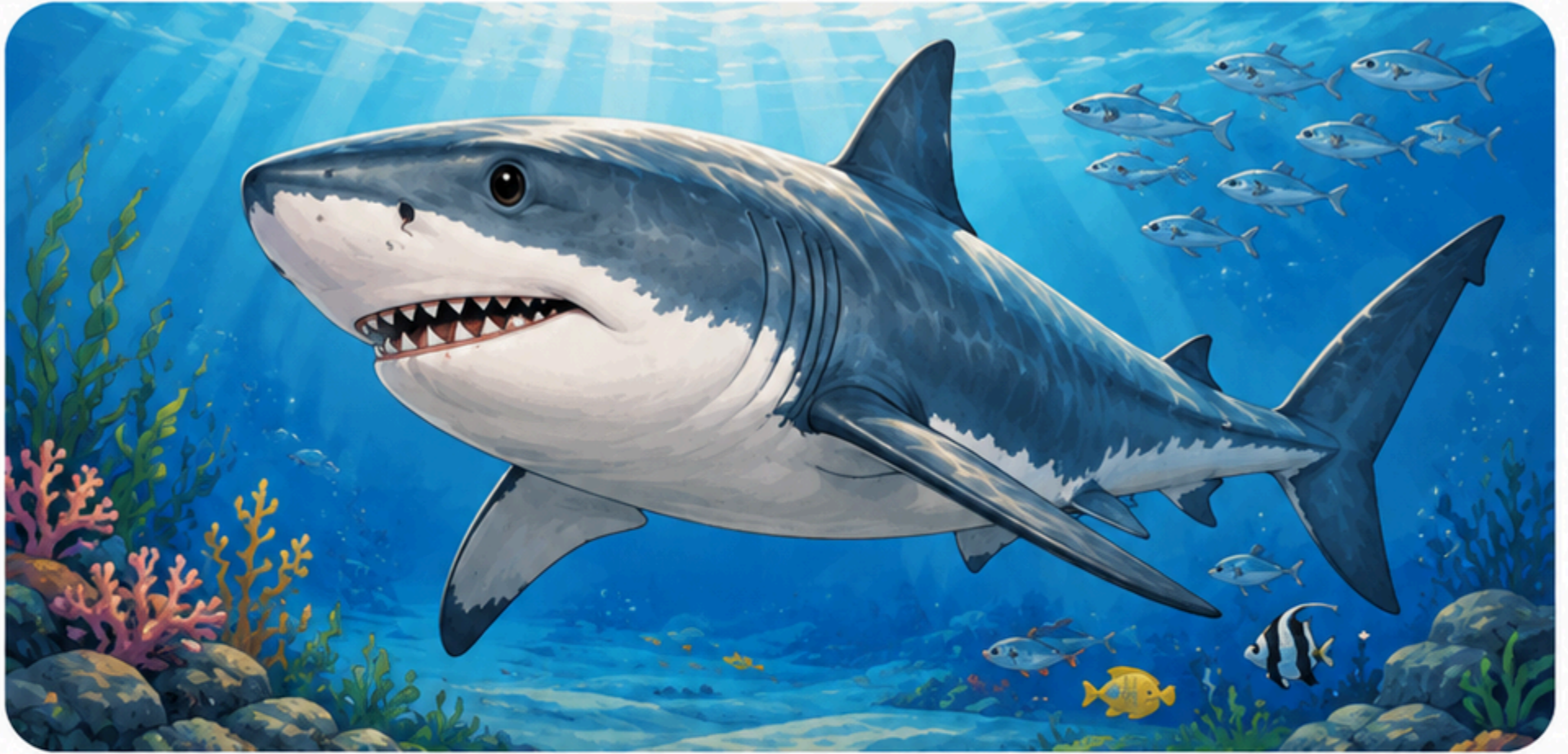


# All About Sharks



Sharks are amazing animals that live in our oceans.

They have been around for more than 400 million years!

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes.

Some are tiny, like the dwarf lanternshark. Others are huge, like the whale shark.

Sharks have smooth skin called dermal denticles. It feels a bit like sandpaper!

This helps them swim quickly and quietly through the water.

They have strong jaws with rows of sharp teeth.

Sharks use their teeth to catch and eat food.

If they lose a tooth, another one grows back.

Sharks help keep the ocean healthy.

They are at the top of the food chain, which means they keep other sea animals in balance.

Sharks are not as scary as some people think.

They are important, powerful and fascinating creatures!

## VOCABULARY

### **ocean**

a very large area  
of salt water

### **denticles**

tiny, tooth-like scales  
on a shark's skin

### **food chain**

the order in which  
living things get food



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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Where do sharks live?  
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- 2 How long have sharks been around?  
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- 3 Name two different sizes of sharks.  
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- 4 What is sharks' skin called?  
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- 5 How do sharks' teeth help them?  
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- 6 What happens if a shark loses a tooth?  
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- 7 Why are sharks important for the ocean?  
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- 8 Why are sharks not as scary as some people think?  
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### THINK DEEPER



If sharks disappeared from the ocean, what do you think would happen to other sea animals? Why?

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### EXTENSION ACTIVITY



Draw a shark and label three of its features. Then write two sentences about sharks.

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