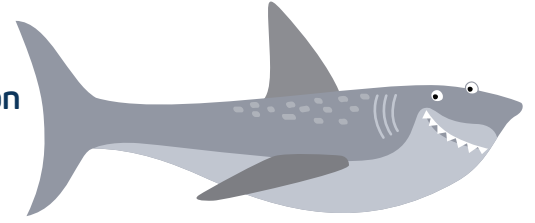


LET'S LEARN ABOUT SHARKS!

Instruction:

Read the below paragraph about sharks and use that information to help you find the answers to the crossword puzzle.



COMPREHENSION

Sharks are among the most fascinating and majestic fish we have in our waters. Despite this, many people fear sharks. It might surprise you to know that of over 500 types of sharks, 97% are harmless to humans due to their teeth and size. However, this does not mean that you are always welcome in their territory.

One of the largest sharks to exist was the Megalodon. They became extinct around 2.6 million years ago. Most people believe that sharks only live in our oceans however, there are sharks that live in lakes and rivers too. Sharks also have a total of six senses. A shark's six senses are vision, taste, smell, hearing, touch, and electroreception. Another thing that makes sharks unique is that they do not have bones. Their skeletons are made of cartilage.

Sharks are known for being great swimmers, but did you know that they are only able to swim forwards? When swimming, sharks use their fins for balance and stability. Sharks are also silent swimmers because they have no vocal cords.

Without sharks, many species would overpopulate and would not have enough food. Sharks spread nutrients across the ocean, and they stop diseases from spreading by eating weak and sick animals. We should all continue to protect the sharks in our oceans.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Besides oceans and lakes, where else can sharks be found?
- Which part of a shark's body helps them stay balanced while swimming?
- What direction do sharks swim in?
- What was the largest shark to exist?
- How many senses do sharks have?
- What are their skeletons made of?

