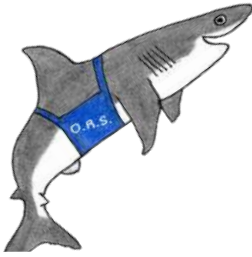


12 Fun Shark Facts



Sharks are truly amazing animals and have been given an extremely bad reputation. Here are 12 things about them you probably never knew.

1. Many sharks have several rows of teeth and can lose and replace thousands of teeth in their lifetime.
2. Sharks can vary dramatically in size from the smallest dwarf lantern shark, about the size of a human hand, to the whale shark, which can be up to 12 metres long.
3. Sharks can be found in tropical coral reefs, to the deep sea, and even under the Arctic sea ice.
4. The Cookiecutter Shark is named for the round 'cookie' bite marks they leave.
5. The body temperature of most sharks is cold, like the temperature of the water they swim in.
6. Great White sharks are partially warm-blooded, allowing them to move faster when hunting prey.
7. The basking shark is Britain's largest fish, It can grow up to the size and weight of a double-decker bus.
8. All sharks have a 'sixth sense' that helps them hone in on prey during the final phase of attack
9. Because their skeletons are made of cartilage (like our noses) instead of bones, sharks don't leave fossils like other animals – but fossilised shark teeth have been found.
10. Many sharks are accidentally caught in fishing gear, as well as caught deliberately for their fins, which are a delicacy in Asia.
11. Shark's ocean home is in danger from climate change warming the water .
12. Great white sharks have a strong sense of smell that can detect a colony of seals two miles away.