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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary habitat of most shark species?

Hint: Think about where sharks are commonly found.

- Freshwater rivers
- Deserts
- ⊖ Oceans
- ⊖ Forests

Which of the following are parts of a shark's anatomy?

Hint: Consider the physical features that are unique to sharks.

- FinsWINGS
- Gills
- BEAK

Describe the role of sharks in the marine ecosystem.

Hint: Think about their position in the food chain.

List three common threats to sharks.

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Hint: Consider human activities and environmental changes.

1. Threat 1

2. Threat 2

3. Threat 3

How many fins does a typical shark have?

Hint: Consider the standard anatomy of sharks.

2
5
8

O 10

Part 2: Understanding and Application

Why are sharks considered apex predators?

Hint: Think about their position in the food chain.

- \bigcirc They are the largest animals in the ocean.
- They have no natural predators.
- \bigcirc They live in all parts of the ocean.
- They can breathe air.

Which of the following statements about shark conservation are true?

Hint: Consider the current issues facing shark populations.

- Overfishing is a threat to sharks.
- Sharks are not important to the ecosystem.
- Marine protected areas can help shark populations.
- All sharks are endangered.

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Imagine you are a marine biologist. How would you explain the importance of sharks to a community living near the ocean?

Hint: Think about the ecological and economic benefits of sharks.

If you observe a group of 12 sharks and 4 swim away, how many sharks remain?

Hint: Perform a simple subtraction.

○ 8○ 10

0 12

- 16

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which factor most significantly affects shark migration patterns?

Hint: Consider environmental and human influences.

- Temperature changes
- O Human activity
- Ocean currents
- Food availability

Analyze the following statements and identify which ones highlight the impact of losing sharks in the ecosystem.

Hint: Think about the consequences of removing a top predator.

Increase in prey populations

- Decrease in marine biodiversity
- More balanced ecosystems

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Coral reef degradation

Discuss the relationship between shark population decline and the health of ocean ecosystems.

Hint: Consider the role of sharks in maintaining ecological balance.

Which of the following is the most effective strategy for shark conservation?

Hint: Think about long-term solutions for protecting sharks.

- O Banning all fishing activities
- O Educating the public about sharks
- O Capturing sharks for research
- O Increasing tourism in shark habitats

Evaluate the following conservation strategies and select those that could have a long-term positive impact on shark populations.

Hint: Consider the sustainability of each strategy.

- Enforcing stricter fishing regulations
- Promoting shark fin soup
- Supporting sustainable seafood choices
- Funding shark research

Design a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of sharks. Include key messages and strategies you would use.

Hint: Think about creative ways to engage the community.



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