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# Sharks & Whales

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Sharks are fish. More than 500 kinds of sharks live in the seas.





Almost all sharks live in salt water, but some sharks live in fresh water, like lakes or rivers.



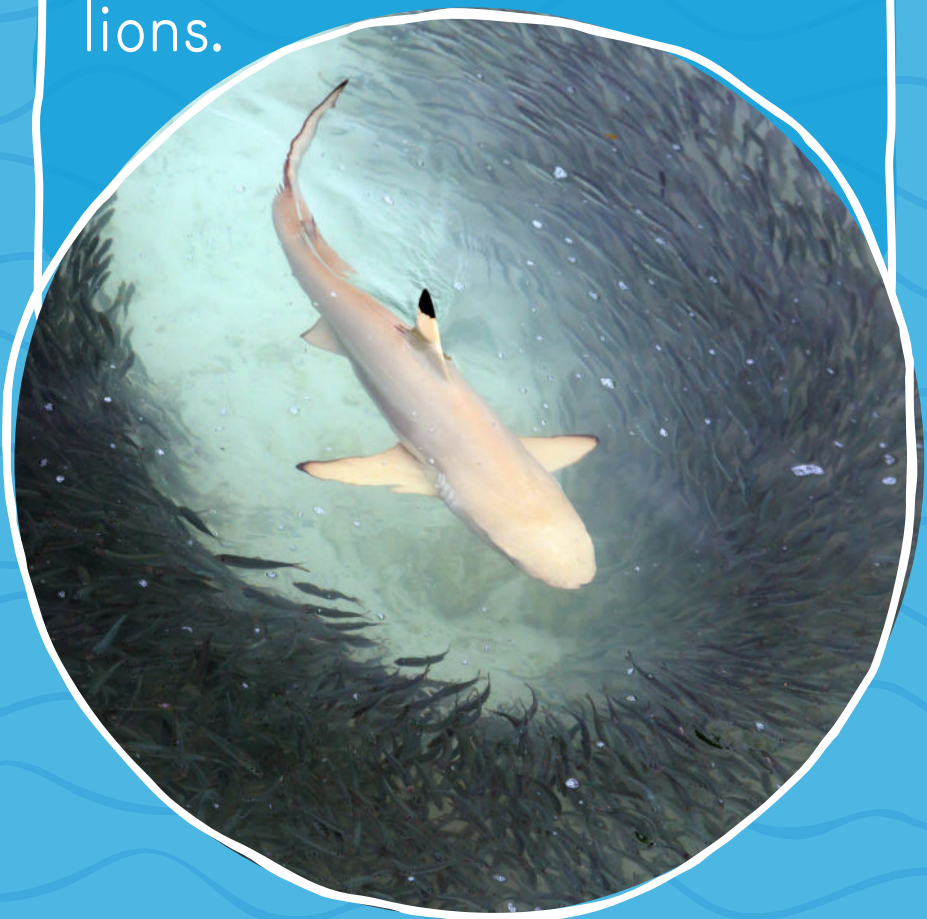


Some sharks live in deep water, and some live in shallow water. They live all over—deep in the sea, in reefs, and even under ice!





Most sharks eat fish.  
Large sharks can eat  
animals like seals and sea  
lions.



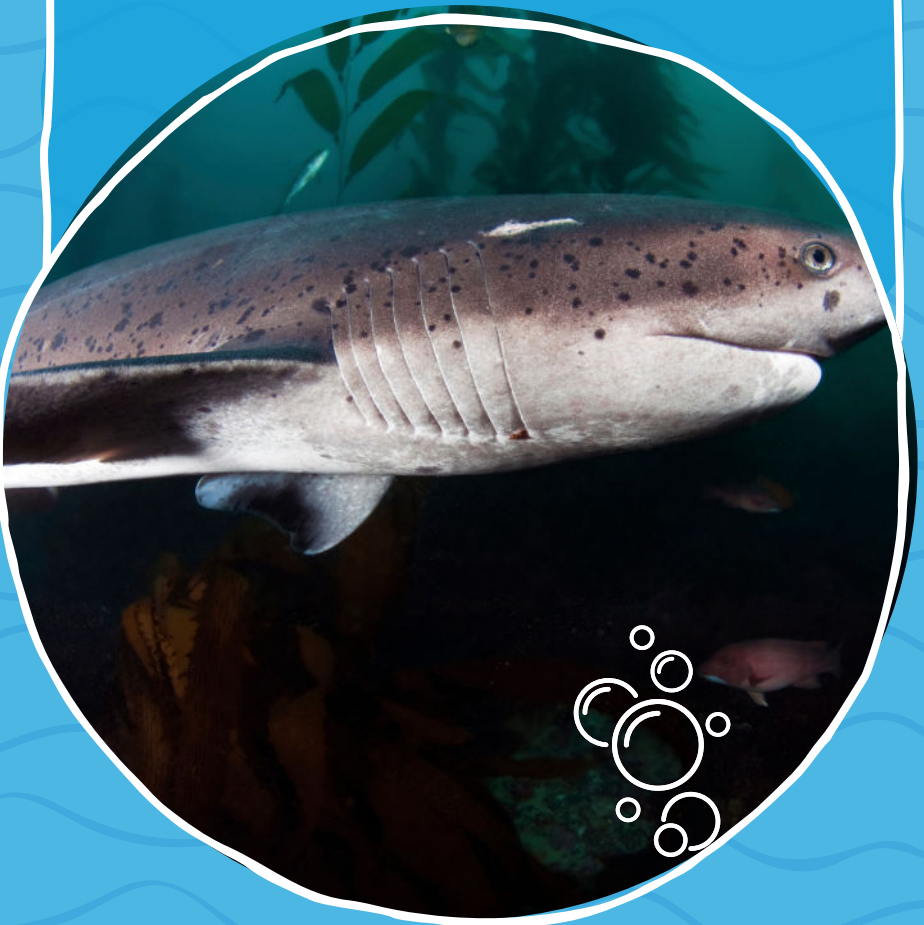


Sharks have many rows of sharp teeth that fall out as the sharks eat and grow.





Sharks get air from the  
water in their gills.





Whales may live in the water and have a shape like fish, but they are not fish. Whales are mammals.







Baby whales drink rich milk from their mothers. Whale milk is as thick as toothpaste, with lots of good fat.





Most kinds of whales are toothed. The teeth help catch fish, but they do not chew.





Other whales have stiff plates called baleen. They swim with their mouths open, close them, push out water, then gulp the food left inside—fish, small plants, and krill.





Whales  
live in warm  
water part of  
the year. Then  
they swim to  
icy cold water.



Thick skin  
and a layer  
of blubber, or  
fat, keep the  
whale warm  
even in freezing  
water. Blubber  
also helps it float.





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**Y**oung readers will dive into the underwater world of fascinating sharks and wondrous whales in this high-interest book. Real photos of these ocean animals in their natural habitats will excite early readers as they discover new information about life in the sea.

