

# GREAT WHITE SHARK

Read the passage below about great white sharks and then answer questions about them.

In the book *Great White Shark*, it tells us that sharks have roamed our oceans for millions of years and are one of the oldest creatures on the planet. They have no permanent home as they constantly swim from warm to cold waters on an annual cycle. They swim up to eighty kilometres a day and return to their favourite hunting grounds each year.

Sharks grow each year and can live for up to forty years or more. They are the largest ocean predator. When they are young their teeth are narrow and they eat small fish and rays but their teeth become wider and more serrated as sharks get older. As they age, they start to eat dolphins, sea lions and turtles.

Sharks face far more threat from people than we face from them. They are hunted for their fins for shark fin soup, for their meat from illegal fishing and are often killed when tangled in pollution left in the sea.

How long do sharks live?

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How far can sharks swim each day?

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List 3 other interesting facts about sharks included in this passage.

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