



Fertigkeit	Lesen
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 4: Kann unkomplizierte Sachtexte über Themen, die mit den eigenen Interessen und Fachgebieten aus den Themenbereichen des Lehrplans in Zusammenhang stehen, mit befriedigendem Verständnis lesen. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Umwelt und Gesellschaft
Zeitbedarf	15 Minuten
Länge des Lesetextes	467 Wörter
Material- und Medienbedarf	Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	---
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SHARKS

Read the text about sharks. There are six gaps.
Find out where the sentences below (1 – 7) should go.

Be careful – one sentence is not from the text!

You will find the underlined word at the bottom of the page.

- (1) An American organisation called WildAid is running a campaign to inform people about the cruel shark trade.
- (2) More than 20 million people went to the movies to see JAWS.
- (3) Often the shark's fins are cut off while the shark is still alive and the shark is then thrown back into the sea to die.
- (4) Since then he has been diving many times with sharks and now knows how important they are to ocean life and ecosystems.
- (5) So it seems to be more bad than good for you!
- (6) The soup has become a status symbol and a single bowl of shark fin soup now costs about \$100 in Hong Kong!
- (7) Wouldn't we have a better life without so many sharks in the sea to attack people?



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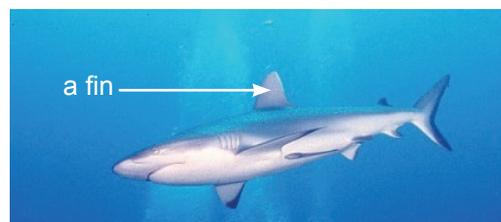


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Sharks in danger

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The craze for shark fin soup

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There is more to sharks than sharp teeth

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Vocabulary:

1 - nutrients – *Nährstoffe*



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