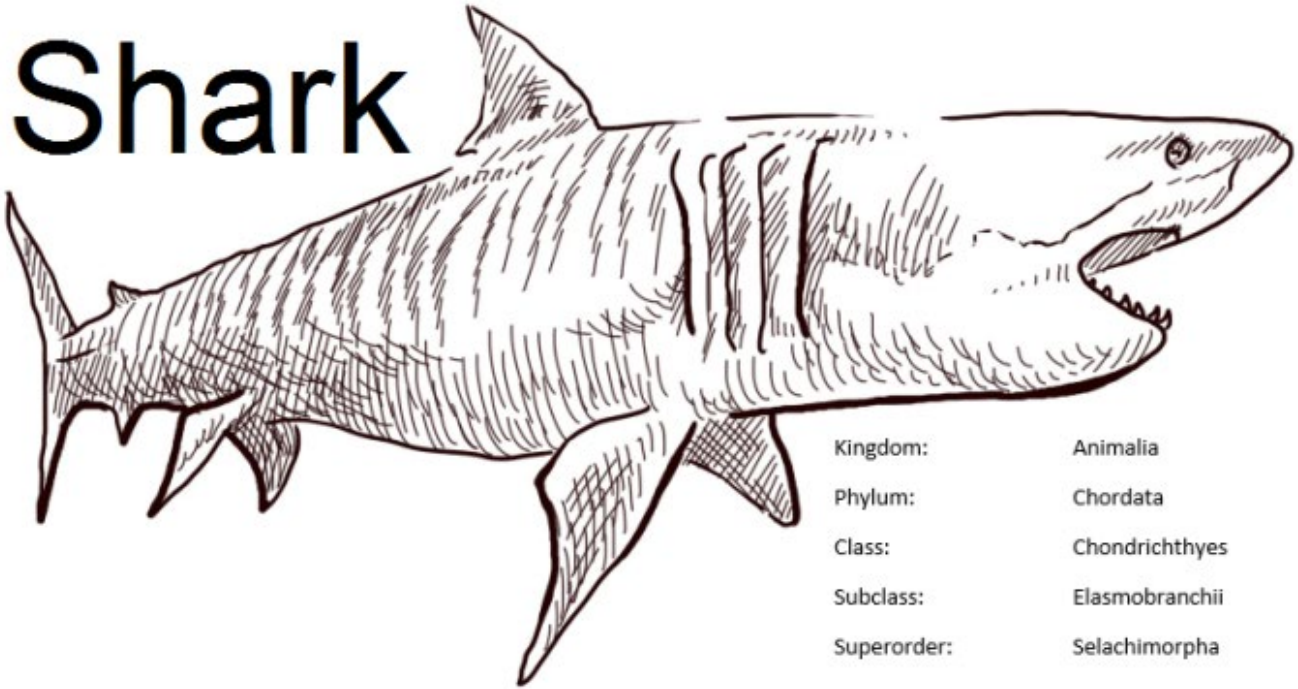


Shark



Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Chondrichthyes
Subclass:	Elasmobranchii
Superorder:	Selachimorpha

Sharks are a kind of fish. The skeleton of a shark is made of cartilage. A shark has five to seven gill slits on the sides of its head. A shark's pectoral fins are not fused to its head.

1. A shark's skeleton is made of what?

- a. bone
- b. cartilage
- c. muscle
- d. skin

Directions

Left: Circle the correct answer.

Below: Read, trace, and write.

WHAT IS A SHARK?

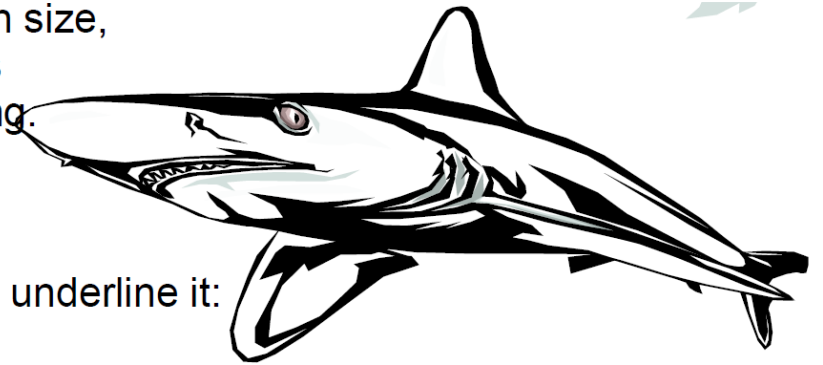
Sharks are amazing fish that have been around since long before the dinosaurs existed. They live in waters all over the world, in every ocean, and even in some rivers and lakes.

Unlike bony fish, sharks have no bones; their skeleton is made of cartilage, which is a tough, fibrous substance, not nearly as hard as bone.

There are many different species of sharks that range in size from the size of a person's hand to bigger than a bus. Fully-grown sharks range in size from 7 inches (18 cm) long, up to 50 feet (15 m) long.

Most sharks are intermediate in size, and are about the same size as people, 5-7 feet (1.5-2.1 m) long.

Half of the 368 shark species are under 39 inches (1 m) long.



Choose the correct answer and underline it:

1. Sharks are older than the dinosaurs
Sharks are a type of dinosaur
Sharks killed the dinosaurs.
2. Sharks are found in some oceans
Sharks are found in every ocean
Sharks are only found in rivers and lakes.
3. A shark has a skeleton made of bone.
A shark has no skeleton
A shark has a skeleton made of cartilage
4. All sharks are very big.
Sharks are as big as a bus.
Sharks are various sizes
5. Most sharks are as big as people
Most sharks are much bigger than people.
Most sharks are smaller than people.