Megalodons and Other Sharks

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VOCABULARY MEGALODON & OTHER SHARKS

carnivore - An animal that feeds on flesh.

cartilage - A type of tough, flexible connective tissue.

centra - The solid central part of a vertebra, in which growth rings are visible.

extinct - Having no living members; no longer in existence.

- The remains or impression of a prehistoric organism preserved in petrified form or as a mold or

cast in rock.

Great White - A large aggressive shark of warm seas, with a brownish or gray back, white underparts, and large

triangular teeth.

habitat - The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.

Hammerhead - A shark of tropical and temperate oceans that has flattened blade-like extensions on either side of

the head, with the eyes and nostrils placed at or near the ends.

Mako - A large fast-moving oceanic shark with a deep blue back and white underparts.

Megalodon - The largest shark that ever lived, approximately 2 million years ago.

Nurse Shark - The nurse shark is a slow-moving bottom dweller known for its docile nature and adaptation to

captivity. Nurse sharks prefer to live on the ocean bottom and often seek shelter in caves and

crevices.

Sawfish - A large, tropical, mainly marine fish related to the rays, with an elongated flattened snout that has

large blunt teeth along each side.

Scissor-tooth - The scissor-tooth shark was a prehistoric species about the size of a Great White. It had a dolphin

shaped head and a tooth-lined mouth that was shaped very much like a pair of pinking shears.

serrations - Serration is a saw-like appearance or a row of sharp or tooth-like projections. In nature, serration

is commonly seen in the cutting edge on the teeth of some species, usually sharks.

- A group of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of

exchanging genes or interbreeding.

Tiger Shark - The tiger shark is the world's most dangerous shark, after the great white. Tiger sharks will eat

anything including other sharks, license plates, and tires.

- A hard, calcified structure found in the jaws (or mouths) of many vertebrates and used

to breakdown food. Carnivores, also use teeth for hunting or for defensive purposes.



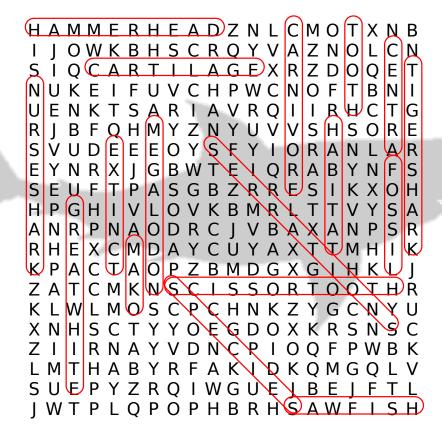
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