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Shark Features

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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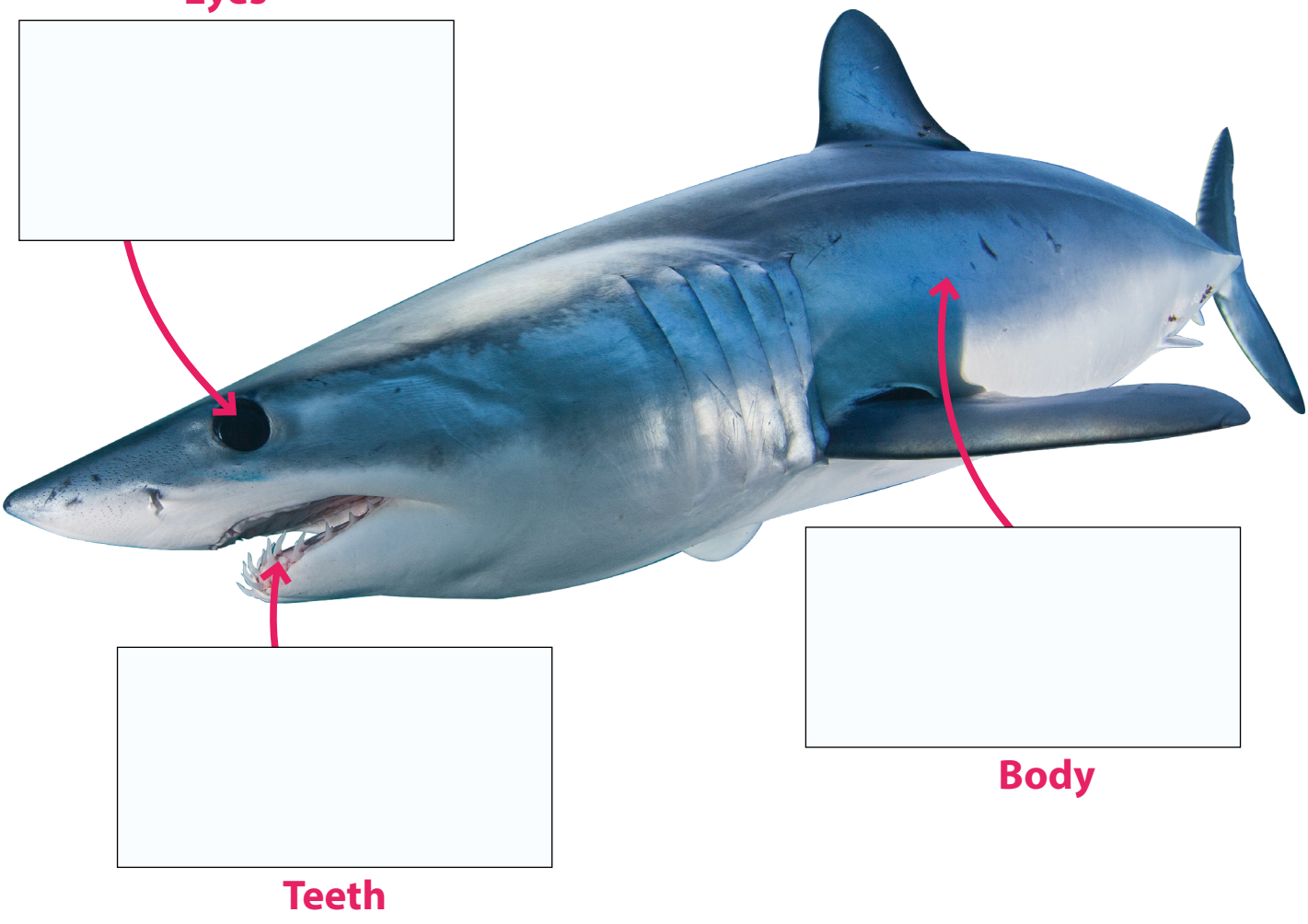
Using the spaces provided, explain the three important parts of a mako shark's body. Check your answers using pages 6 and 7 of the book.



Sharks

Mako Shark

Reference: Pages 6-7

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How Big Are Sharks?

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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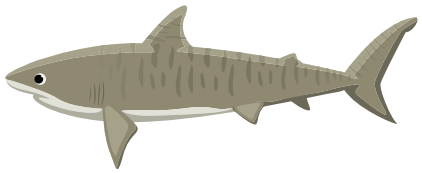
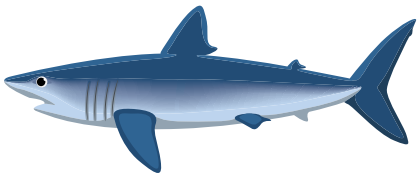
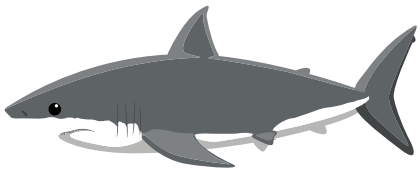
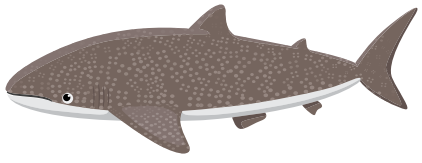
Match each shark to its length by writing the matching letter in each box.

1.  Tiger Shark ☐ A 12 feet (3.7 m)

2.  Shortfin Mako Shark ☐ B 16 feet (4.9 m)

3.  Great White Shark ☐ C 32 feet (9.8 m)

4.  Whale Shark ☐ D 20 feet (6.1 m)

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True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *Mako Shark*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1	Shortfin mako sharks rarely stay in one pace for long.	○ True ○ False	Page Number	
Statement 2	Mako shark bites are usually accidents.	○ True ○ False	Page Number	
Statement 3	There are two types of mako sharks.	○ True ○ False	Page Number	
Statement 4	Mako sharks are omnivores.	○ True ○ False	Page Number	
Statement 5	Female mako sharks have one pup at a time.	○ True ○ False	Page Number	

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Shark Habitats

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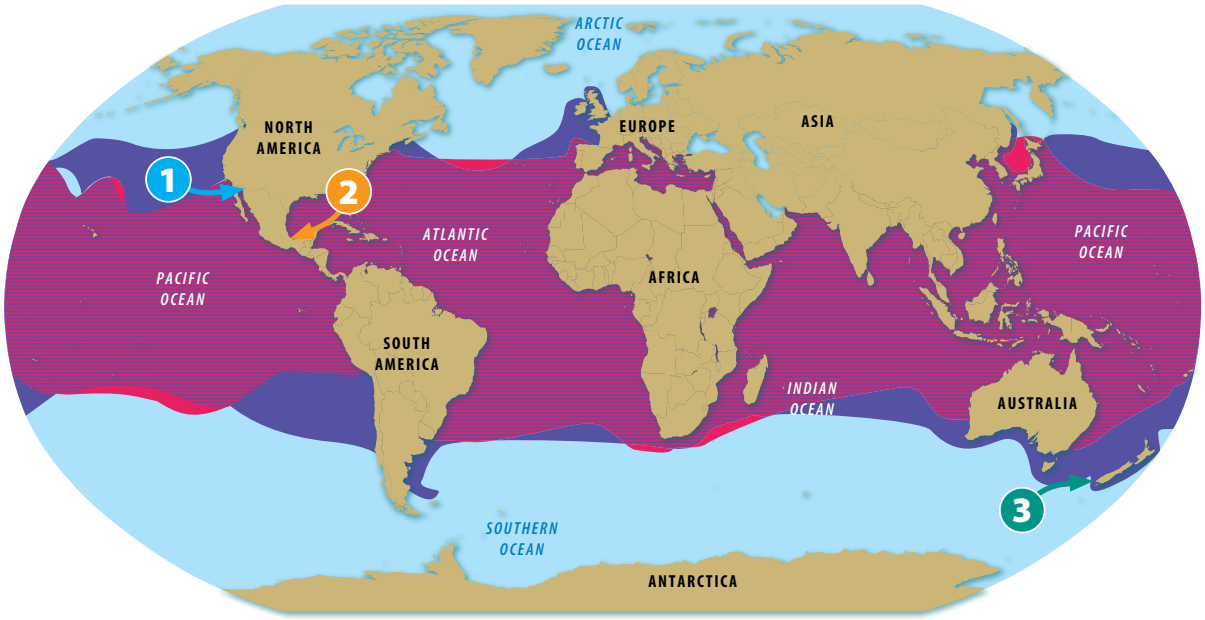
Using pages 12 and 13 of the book, write down the name of each numbered location in the spaces below. Then, write down one key feature of each location.



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2

3

Sharks

Mako Shark

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Fill in the Blanks

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Fill in the blanks using the information found in the pages of *Mako Shark*.

1. The mako shark gets its name from the _____ language.

2. There have been only 10 _____ mako shark attacks.

3. Mako sharks are _____. Their numbers are going down.

4. Mako sharks are the _____ sharks. They have strong muscles and narrow bodies.

5. Female shortfin mako sharks become _____ when they are 18 to 21 years old.

6. Humans hunt mako sharks. Their fins are popular in _____.

7. Some mako sharks live off coastlines. However, most live in the _____.

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Test Your Knowledge

Test your knowledge of mako sharks by answering these questions.

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1 When was the shortfin mako shark discovered?

2 Why is it hard for people to know how many mako sharks there are?

3 What will mako sharks do before they attack?

4 Which people of New Zealand gave the mako shark its name?

5 How high can a mako shark jump?

6 How fast can a mako shark swim?

7 What does the mako shark eat?

8 How long do mako sharks usually live?

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Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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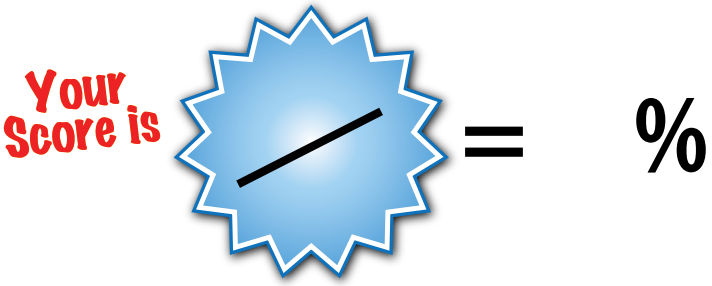
KEY WORDS

biologist	**nursery**
carnivores	**pectoral fins**
denticles	**surface**
Maori	**torpedo**
migrate	**unprovoked**



1. _____

without reason

2. _____

a scientist who studies living things

3. _____

a long, oval-shaped missile that travels in water

4. _____

where young are born and raised

5. _____

the native peoples of New Zealand and their language

6. _____

the top of a body of water

7. _____

tooth-shaped scales on a shark's skin

8. _____

animals that eat meat

9. _____

to move from one place to another

10. _____

fins that are on the bottom of a fish's body, just behind its head

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