

Shark Facts: True or False?

Learn more about sharks with our Shark Quiz!
After you've completed it, check your answers on page 61.

1. Sharks can only be found in salt water.

True

False

2. Sharks must eat continually in order to survive.

True

False

3. Sharks can have up to nine gills on each side of their body.

True

False

4. More shark attacks occur during the day than at night.

True

False

5. If attacked by a shark, it is recommended that you punch the shark in the nose.

True

False

6. Sharks are immune to cancer.

True

False

7. The smallest species of shark in the world is the Dwarf Lanternfish.

True

False

Turn to page 61 for answers!

Shark Facts: ANSWERS

The Bull Shark



1. Sharks can only be found in salt water.

FALSE – The Bull Shark is a prime example of a shark that can live both in freshwater and saltwater. There were incidents of shark attacks in a river in New Jersey at the beginning of the 20th century.

2. Sharks must eat continually in order to survive.

FALSE – Sharks must eat depending on their metabolism and availability of food. Some species only require 2% of their body weight to survive.

Whale Shark



3. Sharks can have up to nine gills on each side of their body.

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FALSE – All known shark species either have 5 or 7 gills on each side. No more. No less.

4. More shark attacks occur during the day than at night.

TRUE – Sharks hunt more at night than during the day but more shark attacks happen during daytime hours.

5. If attacked by a shark, it is recommended that you punch the shark in the nose.

FALSE – Although it has periodically been effective to ward off an attacking shark, shark experts **DO NOT** recommend punching a shark in the nose as a means of driving it off. It has rarely worked.



6. Sharks are immune to cancer.

FALSE – Sharks do show a strong resistance to cancer but are **NOT** immune to it. There is no real scientific evidence that shark cartilage pills are effective in cancer treatment.

7. The smallest species of shark in the world is the Dwarf Lanternfish.

TRUE – The Dwarf Lanternfish can reach a whopping length of 8 inches.

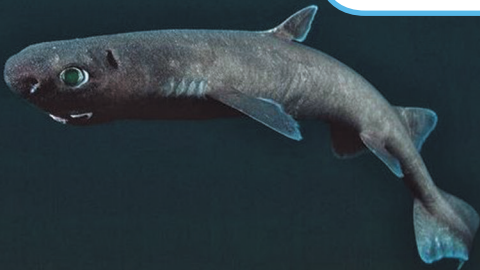


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