

## Shark Fact or Fiction?

### **Background:**

This is a fun classroom activity based on the basic biology of sharks. This goes well with the enclosed Project Shark Awareness PowerPoint and should be used in conjunction with the presentation.

### **Materials:**

Shark Fact of Fiction activity sheet and answer key for the educator.

### **Classroom Activity:**

- Pass out the “Shark Fact or Fiction” handout to students.
- Have the students answer each statement with “Fact” or “Fiction.”
- Discuss the correct answers with the students while also asking why they answered the way they did – based of public perception or science?





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- Some sharks live over 100 years.
- Shark skin is as smooth as silk.
- Sharks sleep many hours each day.
  - Sharks have external ears.
- The fastest shark is the white shark.
- Whale sharks feed on large fishes.
- A baby shark is referred to as a pup.
- Sharks are found only in saltwater.
  - Most sharks are hot-blooded.
- The chance of being attacked by a shark is very high.
  - Shark finning is legal in U.S. territorial waters.
    - Most sharks are harmful to humans.
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