

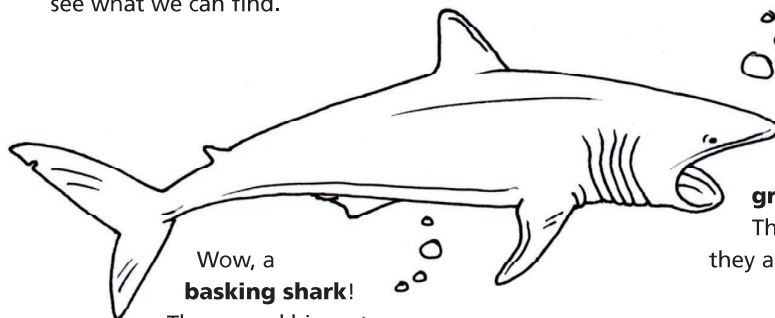
Shark Attack!



My name is Paul Neary. Welcome to my shark expedition. Are you scared? Don't be! Sharks don't attack humans very often. There are less than 100 reported cases in the world each year, and fewer than 20 people end up dying.

As a marine biologist, I try to learn more about life in the oceans. Then we can protect endangered animals like the basking and great white sharks. If people could learn to love sharks and not hunt them, then shark fin soup, sharkskin shoes and shark teeth jewellery would disappear. Did you know that over 50 of the 400 types of shark are endangered? Terrible isn't it? And they call sharks 'the hunters of the sea'!

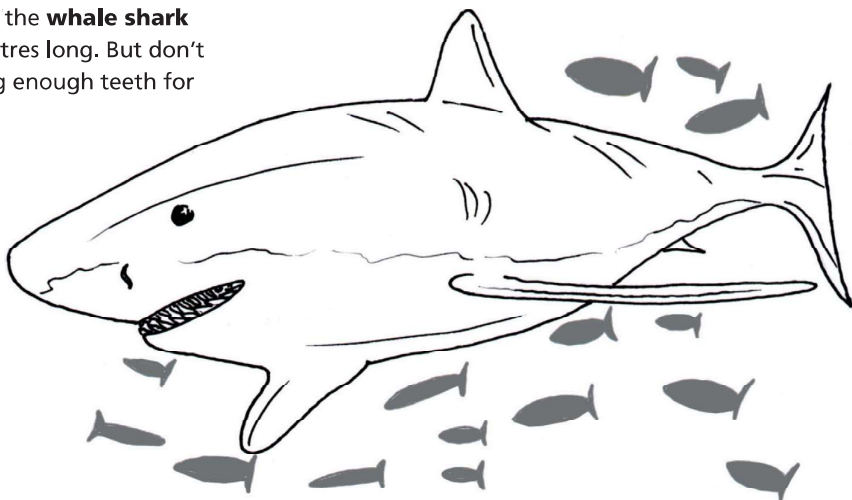
Anyway, it's time we dived into this watery deep to see what we can find.



Wow, a **basking shark**!

The second biggest shark in the world. Only the **whale shark** can beat it. An adult can be 9 metres long. But don't worry; this shark doesn't have big enough teeth for biting or chewing.

And this shark here is called a **hammerhead**. Can't think why. It can reach up to 6 metres long and often swims in groups. It likes to eat squid, octopus and crabs.



That shark over there is called a **thresher shark**. Its tail is really long, isn't it? It uses it to kill fish by hitting (or threshing) them. The thresher shark can grow up to 6 metres long.

Be careful of the shark down there. The **great white shark** is known to attack humans. They sometimes attack surfers because they think they are seals. Their poor eyesight doesn't help!