



DID YOU KNOW.....

That many people are afraid of sharks because they have heard stories (or watched movies) about sharks killing and eating humans. However, most sharks are NOT dangerous at all.

More people are killed by bee stings than shark attacks.

There is only one shark that can live in both salt water and fresh water. The name of this shark is the bull shark.

A shark does not need to sleep the same way that humans do. They need to rest but they might not be sleeping.

A shark eats about 2 percent of its body weight per day -- slightly less than a human eats.

The shark skeleton is made of cartilage -- a tough, lightweight, flexible material.

Sharks' bodies are heavier than the sea, so if they stop moving they sink. If they want to stay afloat, they must keep moving!

There are about 350 different types of sharks, but researchers think there are other sharks that haven't been discovered yet!

Sharks have a very sensitive sense of smell. They can detect the scent of a drop of blood in 25 gallons of seawater.

The dwarf shark is as small as your hand, while the whale shark can be as large as a school bus!

Sharks see very well. Sharks have better night vision than people do. Research indicates that some sharks can even see color.

A shark's hunger can be satisfied with one good meal. The meal can last a long time because a shark uses little energy to swim. Some sharks hold food in their stomachs without it being digested. If they eat a big meal, it can last three or more months!

A shark may lose thousands of teeth in its lifetime. Sharks have several rows of teeth constantly growing and replacing the ones they lose. When a tooth is lost, the tooth behind it moves forward. A lost tooth can be replaced within 24 hours.

The white shark never gets sick. It has mysterious antibodies that give it immunity to almost every known bacteria. It is also one of the few animals known to be completely immune to cancer.