

# Sharks

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Sharks have rough skin and they cannot fold their fins. They have strong **jaws** (mouths) but flat **grinding** teeth. Sharks have a fantastic sense of smell so they can sniff out food from huge distances. There are about 350 types of shark; they include some of the largest fish in the world.

## Which is the fastest shark?

The short-finned Mako shark is the fastest shark because it is very streamlined and agile (quick). It is thought by some that it can travel up to 70 miles per hour. This shark eats other fish such as tuna, which are also some of the fastest swimming fish

## Why do hammerhead sharks have a funny shaped head?

There are lots of thoughts about why hammerhead sharks have strange shaped heads. Some think it is to help the shark move through the water. Others think it helps their sense of smell.



Hammerhead shark.

## Did you know...

- Whale sharks can grow over 14 metres in length.
- The world's largest fish is the whale shark.

## Glossary:

Jaw – mouth

Grinding – a grating movement