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**Amazing
Animals**

Sharks

Skip Counting



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Sharks: Friends or Foes?

When you hear the word *shark*, what comes to mind? Do you imagine lots of scary, sharp teeth? If you do, you are not alone. Many people are scared of sharks.

There are over four hundred different species, or types, of sharks. Not all of them are dangerous. Most sharks do not bother people. When you get to know sharks, one thing is certain: all of them are **unique**.

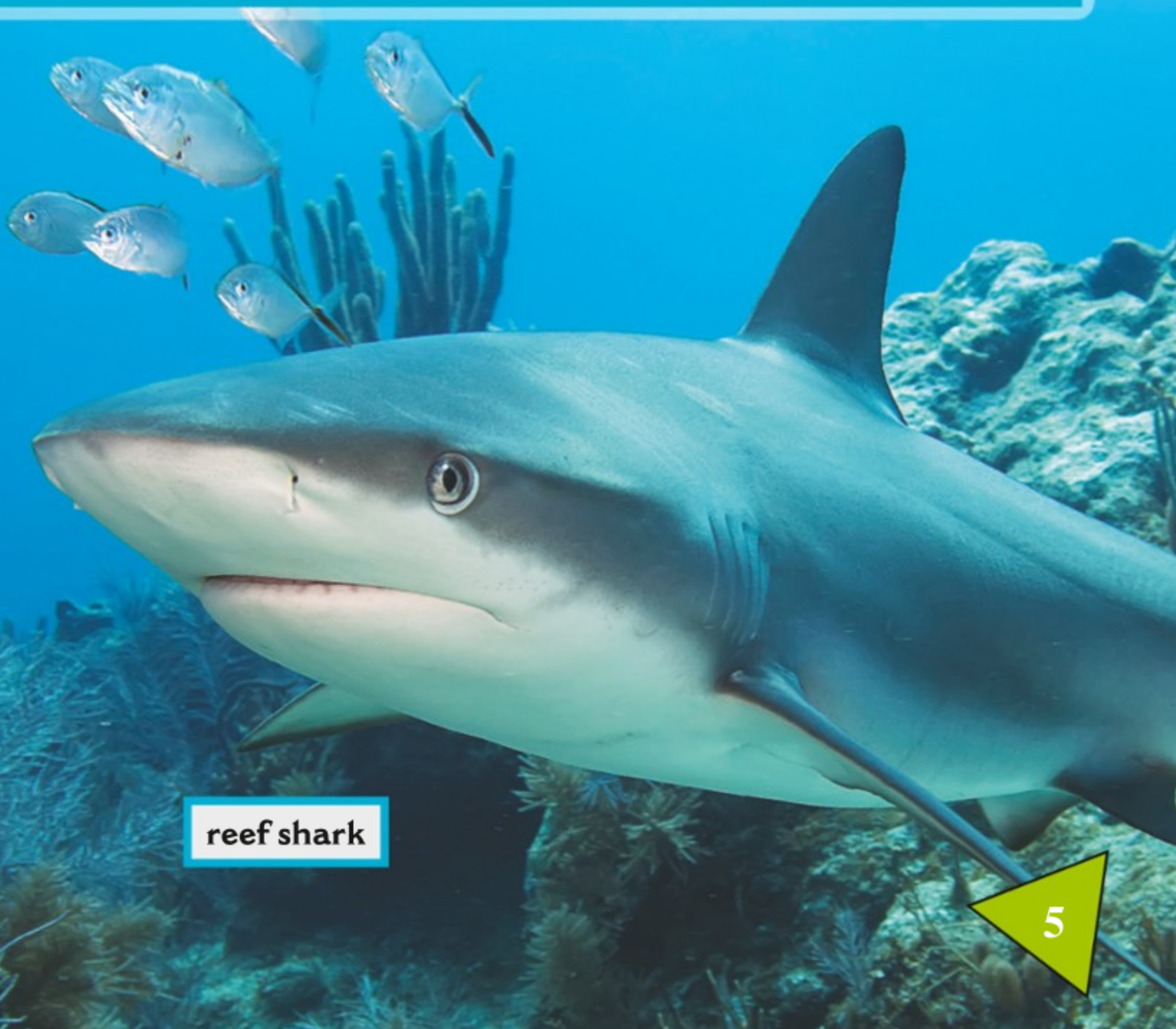


great white shark

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

Imagine your class visits an aquarium during a school field trip.

1. So far, your friends have counted 37 tanks. They ask you to keep counting at an exhibit with 4 tanks. What are the next four numbers after 37?
2. Aquarium workers are feeding food pellets to fish. As they toss food pellets into the tank, they count back to keep track of how many food pellets are left. Right now, there are 122 food pellets. When counting back from 122, what are the first four numbers they will say?



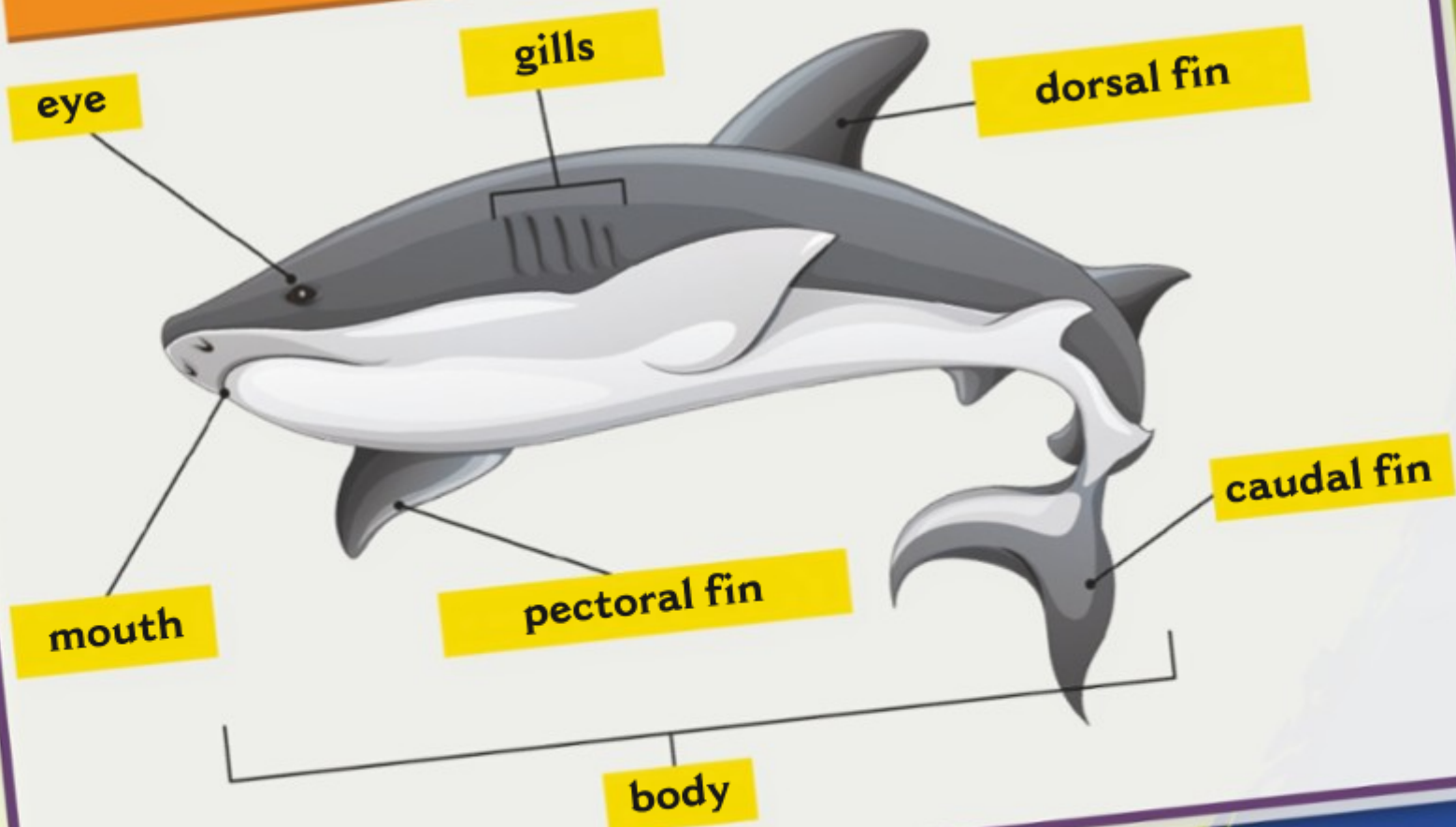
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From Teeth to Tail

With so many species of sharks, there is a lot of variety in what they look like. But, many sharks share the same **anatomy**.

All sharks are fish. This means that they use **gills** to breathe and **fins** to swim. Caudal (KAUD-uhl) fins, or tail fins, give sharks strength. As sharks move from side to side, their fins push them through the water.

Parts of a Shark



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