

Shark Attacks Are Rare Mistakes

A Have you ever heard of someone being attacked by a shark? It sounds very scary! But you don't have to be afraid to go into the water. Shark attacks are very rare. The chances that you will ever be attacked by a shark are less than one in 11 million. That means you really can swim in the ocean without fear.

B Most of the time, shark attacks are a mistake. If the water is murky or dirty, a shark may not be able to see you very well. A lot of waves also make it hard for a shark to see what you are. During early mornings and late evenings, the water is still dark. Your shadow in the dark water may look like food, which leads the shark to attack.

C Sharks eat seals. When sharks see a lot of seals in the water they swim toward them. If you see seals in the water - stay out of the water. Seals are beautiful, fun animals. Just remember that they are also shark food! Don't get too close. A shark may mistake you for a seal which is bad news for you.

D As a result of pollution, sometimes a shark becomes poisoned. The poison can dull and weaken the shark's senses. Because poison makes it harder to see, smell and hear, a shark may want to touch or taste. I know I don't want a shark to touch or taste me!


E Sharks don't want to attack you. They even try to warn you if you get too close. Humans can't always see a shark swimming deep below the water. Sharks make warning moves and sounds. They let other animals know they are too close to their play area. They are warning them not to get closer. So next time you are in the ocean, enjoy yourself! But always pay attention. If you see any warning signs, you should be extra cautious and aware.


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1. Write one WORD that describes the main idea of the text: _____

2 Write a sentence that tells the main idea of the text.

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3.  Color in a key detail that supports the main idea of the text. Explain in your own words how this detail supports the main idea.

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5. Write one WORD to summarize the following paragraphs:

B. _____ C. _____

D. _____ E. _____

6. What are some things you can do to avoid a shark attack?

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7. Write three questions where the answer could be found in the text. Then find the answer to your question and color it.

1. _____

Color the answer to your question 

2. _____

Color the answer to your question 


3. _____

Color the answer to your question 

RI.3.4

8. Find the underlined word, murky in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

RI.3.6

9.  Color the sentences in the text where the author shares their opinion or point of view about why shark attacks are a rare mistake.

10. Describe the author's point of view.

11. What is your opinion, or point of view about shark attacks being rare mistakes?

12. How is your point of view different or the same as the author's point of view?