

Great white sharks

Great white sharks are grey with a white underbelly, from where they get their name. The scientific name for this fish is the *Carcharodon carcharias*. The name comes from two Greek words meaning "sharp" and "tooth".



Great White Sharks have three major fins:

Dorsal fin - the one on top that can stick out of the water like in the movie *Jaws*.

Pectoral fins - there are two of these, one on each side of the shark

Caudal fin - the fin on the tail of the shark



When a great white gives birth, she usually has two to ten youngsters, called "pups". They have a streamlined shape and powerful tails that propel them through the water at over 60km per hour! These super swimmers are the largest predatory fish (fish that eat other fish or animals) on our planet with a mouth equipped with a set of 300 sharp, triangular teeth arranged in up to seven rows. Some great whites have been measured at 6 meters – that's half the length of a bus! On average, they grow to around 4.6 meters long.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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