

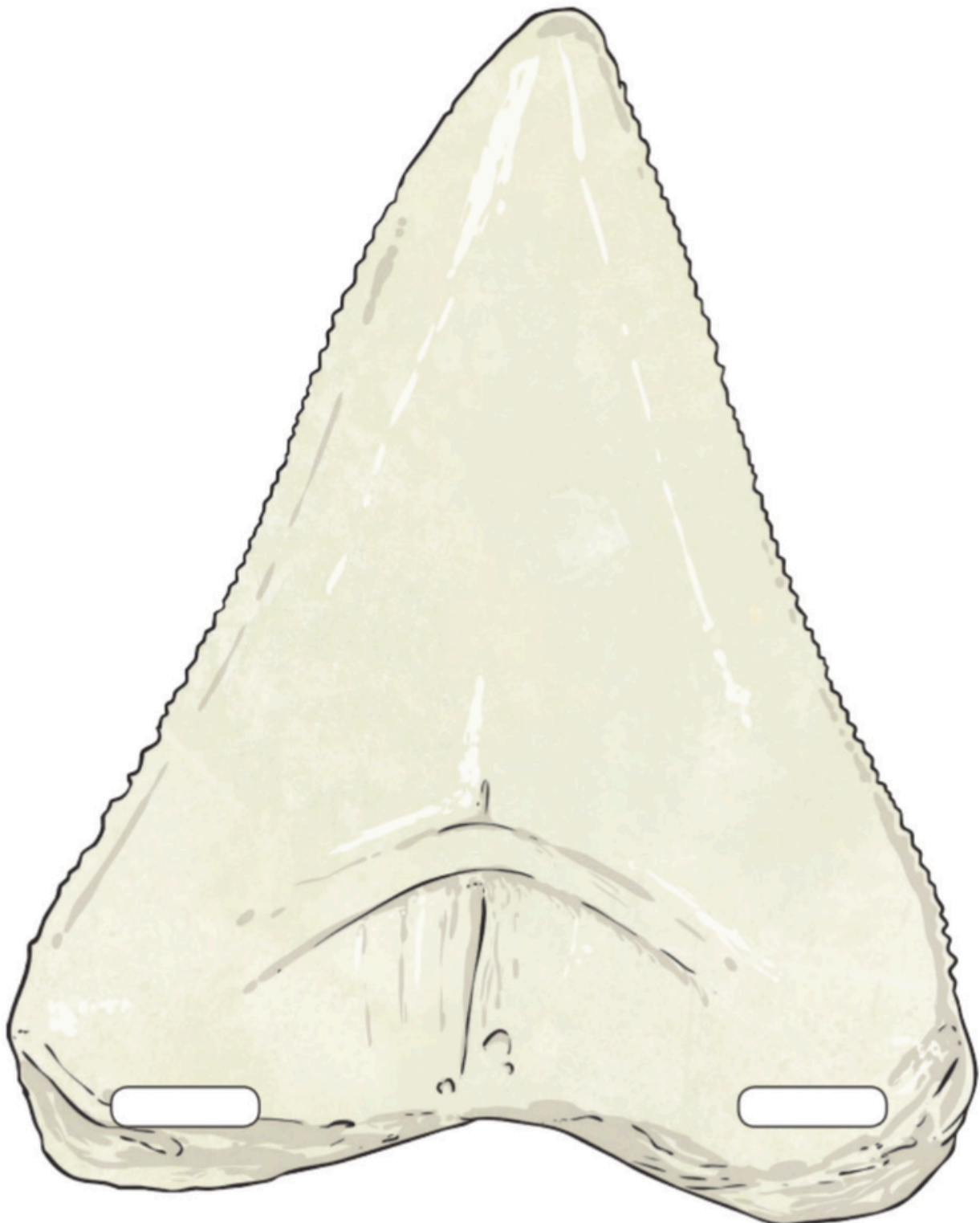


Shark Teeth Shape Book



Sharks are perhaps best known for their teeth! Use this task to become an expert in shark dentistry and make your own shape book, featuring sharks teeth facts.

1. First, cut out the tooth template below (printing it on card or sticking it to card before you cut it out would make it easier to work with).



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- Using the tooth as a template, cut out 5 or 6 more pages in the same tooth shape. You can do lots of these at the same time if you hold a wad of paper together tightly.
- Add the title below to your front cover or design your own.



Shark Teeth The facts!

- Cut out the facts below, or conduct your own research, and paste or write one fact per tooth onto your pages.

A shark's teeth are only rooted in their gums and not their jaws. This means they fall out quite often and painlessly.

Sharks have multiple rows of teeth and if a tooth is lost during a hunt or a meal, then another one moves forward to take its place. In some species, whole rows of teeth move forward at the same time.

Sharks can have up to 3,000 teeth in their mouths at any one time and use up to 30,000 in a lifetime!

Sharks have different shaped teeth depending on their diets. Great white sharks have sharp, serrated teeth for ripping flesh into chunks, while nurse sharks have flattened teeth, towards the back of their mouth for crunching crabs and crustaceans.

Teeth are the only part of a shark's body that are actually made out of bone. Most shark fossils that are found are teeth.

Fossil teeth from the prehistoric shark, known as the megalodon, have been found measuring up to 18cm in length! The literal translation of megalodon is 'big tooth'.

- Line the teeth up and staple the book together and the bottom of the tooth. Your Shark's Teeth Shape Book is finished!