Writing and comprehension: Sharks

Great whites are specialists in hunting for marine mammals such as seals and sea lions. Often targeting areas with inexperienced young animals the sharks use the half light of dawn and dusk to further disguise their attack.





Skulking in the depths, the white shark uses excellent eyesight to target prey at the surface. Once sighted, powerful tail muscles power the predator upward. Surging towards its prey with its huge jaws agape, the shark launches beyond the surface -this is called a "breach".

If successful, the shark circles until the wounds it has inflicted weaken the prey so that it is incapable of harming the shark with its own teeth. The shark then feeds on huge chunks of fatty, energy-rich, flesh. If the great white doesn't disable the sea lion or seal on its first attack, there is a good chance the nimble mammal will escape, often by ducking behind the head of the much larger and less agile predator.

TARGET: Can you vary your starter in your answers?					
What sort of prey do the great white sharks target?					
How are great whites adapted to hunt their prey?					
Is the hunt always successful?					

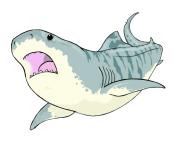
EXTENSION: Research, using ICT or a nature book find out three different species of shark. Describe how they are similar and how they differ in a table.





Descriptive language task

The Shark Eats



A shark is a sort of fish.

Can you draw and describe what a shark looks like using a book to help?

Use the book The Shark Eats to help with ideas and spellings.



Handwriting ea sound.

The Shark Eats



Trace then transfer on to the line.



eat

eat

eat

seal

seal

seal

clean

peak

meat



sea	eat
meat	bean
clean	deal
cream	seal
stream	least

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sea			
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Learning the "ea" sound (like eat)

I went for a dip in the _____





I have to _____ my hands.

I can not _____ my pens.





I have _____ and chips.

My cat _____ from a can



beans sea reach eats meat clean

Have a go! Use any "ea" word from your spellings

