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Quick Questions



1. Why do you think that the great white shark is at the top of the ocean's food chain?



2. Where are most great white sharks found?



3. Find and copy the adjective that the author uses to describe the shark's sense of smell.



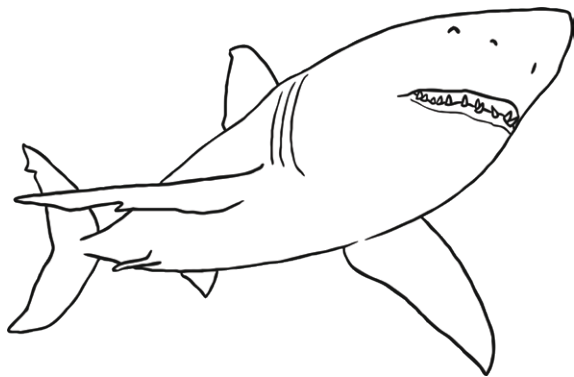
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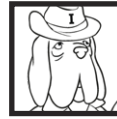
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Answers



1. Why do you think that the great white shark is at the top of the ocean's food chain?

Accept any sensible answer linked to the text or existing knowledge, e.g. I think that they are at the top of the food chain because they are too big to be eaten by anything else.



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(in cool water) close to the coast



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