My Shark Fact File

Read the shark fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a shark

Shark facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. cartilage ____	A. a row of sensors along a fish's side that feels movement in the water
2. dermal denticles ____	B. a strong, bendy material that makes up a shark's skeleton
3. lateral line ____	C. a baby shark
4. filter feeder ____	D. tiny tooth-like scales that cover a shark's skin
5. pup ____	E. an animal that strains tiny food out of the water

The most amazing thing I learned about sharks

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Answer Key

Shark Fact File

Shark facts

Scientific name:	Great white: Carcharodon carcharias
Size:	About 8 in to 61 ft, by species
Weight:	Great white: up to about 4,500 lb
Lifespan:	Great white: 70+ years
Diet:	Fish, squid, seals, plankton
Habitat:	Coasts and open ocean
Where:	Oceans around the world
Status:	Varies; great white Vulnerable

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–B, 2–D, 3–A, 4–E, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- Sharks were swimming in the sea over 400 million years ago.
- The whale shark is the biggest fish on Earth, up to about 61 feet.
- Sharks can sense the tiny electric signals made by other animals.