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## Sharks: The Apex Predators of the Ocean

### Short Answer Key

1. A shark's skeleton is composed of cartilage.
2. Sharks reproduce by giving birth to live young in a process called viviparity.
3. Sharks use their sense of smell, sight, and ability to detect movement to locate prey.
4. Sharks are considered apex predators because they are at the top of the food chain and have no natural predators.
5. Sharks play a crucial role in maintaining ocean ecosystems by controlling prey populations and preventing overgrazing.

