



# Shark Story (Vocabulary Edition)



**Directions:** Write a suspenseful short story about a character who encounters a shark. For each sentence, choose one vocabulary word from the given list and use it in your sentence. Your goal: craft a vivid, intense story and flex your vocabulary muscles.

**Sentence 1:** Introduce a **character** who encounters a **shark**.



Choose one: mesmerized, inexperienced, intrepid, skeptical

*Example: Ethan, an intrepid diver with a taste for adventure, had never expected to come face to face with a real shark.*

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**Sentence 2:** Describe the shark using a **simile**.



Choose one: sleek, ravenous, stealthy, immense

*Example: The shark was like a stealthy missile, gliding through the water with barely a ripple.*

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**Sentence 3:** Mention the **location** of the **encounter**.



Choose one: remote, exotic, submerged, coastal

*Example: Off the coast of a remote island, Ethan hovered just above the coral reef when the shark appeared.*

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**Sentence 4:** Introduce a **problem** caused by the **shark**.



Choose one: threatening, relentless, unpredictable, immediate

*Example: The shark's unpredictable movement made it impossible to tell whether it would attack—or vanish*

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**Sentence 6:** Use **one** of these words:

shocked, ancient, terrifying, elusive



*Example: He was shocked at the shark's eerie calm, as though it had done this a thousand times before.*

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**Sentence 7:** Write a sentence with exactly **four words**.

Choose one to include: churned, vanished, lurked, trembled



*Example: The surface suddenly churned.*

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**Sentence 8:** Begin with “**Although...**”

Choose one: brave, trembling, hopeful, experienced



*Example: Although experienced, Ethan struggled to remember what to do in a situation like this.*

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**Sentence 9:** Mention a **person's name**.

Choose one: Maya, Theo, Jasmine, Leo



*Example: He glanced around for Maya, but the water was empty—too quiet.*

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**Sentence 10:** End with a **dramatic cliffhanger**.

Choose one: surge, scream, shadow, silence



*Example: And then, out of the silence, a massive shadow rose beneath him.*

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