

# “Jaws” Movie Turns 50

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When the movie Jaws came out 50 years ago in 1975, it scared a lot of people and made sharks seem like dangerous monsters that love to eat humans. The film shows a giant great white shark attacking swimmers and fishermen, and for long time, you don't even see the whole shark--just its fin and the bloody water. This made the suspense even scarier.

Jaws became a huge hit and started the idea of the summer blockbuster movie. It also made many people afraid of sharks. Some even started shark-hunting contests, thinking the animals were evil killers. But real great white sharks are not as big or as cruel as the one in the movie. Scientists say that shark bites are usually accidents. Sharks might mistake a person for a seal or other food, but they almost never eat people on purpose.

Before Jaws, sharks were not seen as very important. But as more people started surfing and diving, they had more chances to meet sharks in the ocean. Then the fear grew, and movies like Jaws made it worse.

Over time, though, people became more interested in learning about sharks instead of just fearing them. Scientists have discovered that sharks help keep ocean life in balance. They are powerful animals, but they do not hunt humans for fun.

Now, many people want to protect sharks because their numbers are going down, mostly from overfishing. We can admire and respect sharks--but we still need to be careful around them.

## Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the main idea of the article?
  - a) Sharks are the most dangerous animals in the ocean.
  - b) The movie Jaws changed how people saw sharks.
  - c) Sharks are not important to the ocean.
  - d) Jaws was the first movie ever made.
2. Jaws became a huge hit. What does "hit" mean?
  - a) A shark attack
  - b) Something popular and successful
  - c) A physical strike
  - d) A loud sound
3. Sharks are dying because of overfishing. What does "overfishing" mean?
  - a) Fishing too deep in the ocean
  - b) Not catching enough fish.
  - c) A fishing contest.
  - d) Catching too many fish





4. Which of these statements is false?
- a) The movie Jaws was a big success.
  - b) Jaws made many people scared of sharks.
  - c) Overfishing is reducing shark populations.
  - d) Sharks attack humans on purpose.
5. What do scientists say about shark attacks?
- a) Sharks usually attack humans by mistake.
  - b) Sharks enjoy hunting humans.
  - c) Sharks never bite humans.
  - d) Sharks only attack fishermen.
6. Why do sharks sometimes bite people?
- a) They are angry.
  - b) They think they are food.
  - c) They want revenge.
  - d) They are playing.
7. Why did Jaws change how people saw sharks?
- a) It showed real shark behavior.
  - b) It explained how to protect sharks.
  - c) It made sharks look like monsters.
  - d) It showed how sharks are friendly.
8. How did the movie Jaws affect shark populations?
- a) It led to shark-hunting contests and fear.
  - b) It made people want to protect sharks.
  - c) It had no effect on sharks.
  - d) It made sharks more aggressive.
9. Why do people now want to protect sharks?
- a) Because they are dangerous to humans.
  - b) Because their numbers are decreasing, and they help the ocean.
  - c) Because they are easy to catch.
  - d) Because they are not important.
10. What lesson can we learn from the article?
- a) Sharks are evil and should be killed.
  - b) Movies always tell the truth.
  - c) Fear can spread through movies, but the truth is different.
  - d) Sharks are not important to the ocean.

### **Speaking and Writing Activities:**

- Discuss these questions with a partner or a small group.
  - Choose one topic and write a response to it. Show your writing to a classmate or teacher.
1. Have you ever seen a wild animal in real life? What was it like?
  2. What is something you were afraid of as a child? Do you still feel the same way now?
  3. Have you ever seen a movie that scared you a lot? What was it, and what made it scary?