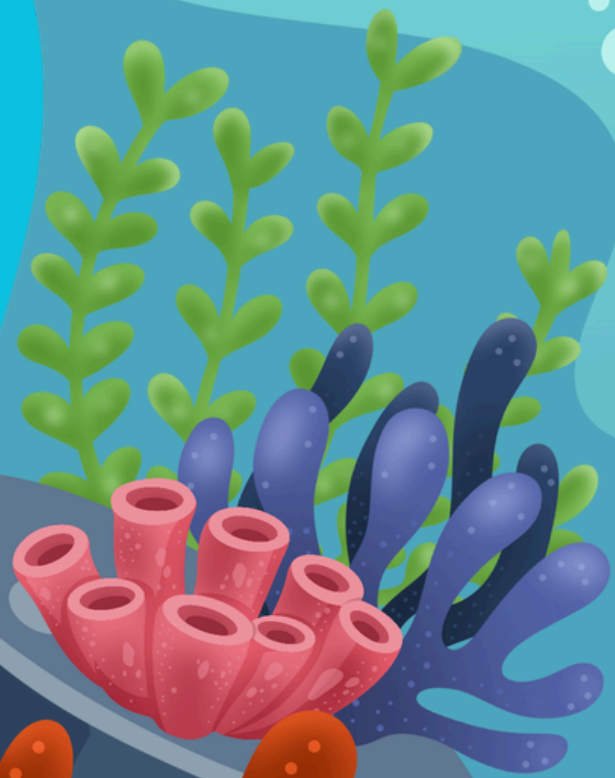


3rd Grade Reading

# SHARK



Sharks use their fins to swim from side to side. Their tail pushes against the water. It pushes the shark forward while the other fins work to keep the shark steady in the water. Sharks usually swim about three miles every hour. They swim day and night long. Sharks even swim when they sleep! Swimming and breathing go hand and hand for sharks so if they were to they stop swimming, they would stop breathing. They breathe oxygen just like humans do. Our oxygen comes from the air and sharks get their oxygen from the water. Most sharks swim with their mouths open. The water enters their mouths. Then, sharks' gills take oxygen from the water and the water flows back out. Shark mothers usually give birth to a few babies at the same time. Shark babies are called pups. They take care of themselves as soon as they are born.

## Passage 2



**1** How many miles do sharks swim every hour?

**2** What happens if sharks stop swimming?

**3** How do sharks get their oxygen?

**4** What are shark babies called?

## Passage 2 Questions

