

Sharks – Glossary

aggressive adjective

behaving in an angry or rude way that shows you want to fight, attack, or argue with someone

allergic adjective

affected by an *allergy* (a medical condition in which you become sick or your skin becomes covered with red marks as a reaction to something you eat, breathe, or touch)

I'm allergic to nuts.

bee noun [countable]

a flying insect that has black and yellow bands and can sting you. Bees make honey, and bees that are not wild live in *hives*. The sound a bee makes is written as *buzz*.

extinct adjective

an extinct animal, plant, or language no longer exists

fatal adjective

causing someone to die
a fatal heart attack

fin noun [countable]

a thin flat part of a fish's body that sticks out

gentle adjective

kind and calm

hitch verb [intransitive/transitive]

INFORMAL (*hitchhike*) to travel by asking other people to take you in their car, by standing at the side of a road and holding out your thumb or a sign

holiday resort noun [countable]

a place where a lot of people go on holiday, usually one with a lot of hotels, bars, and restaurants

lightning noun [uncountable]

the bright flashes of light that you see in the sky during a storm

Bob was struck by lightning while playing golf.

mistake for phrasal verb [transitive]

to think that a person or thing is someone or something else

I had mistaken friendship for love.

nightmare noun [countable]

a very frightening and unpleasant dream

I still have terrible nightmares about the crash.

plankton noun [uncountable]

BIOLOGY very small animals and plants that live in water and are eaten by fish

predator noun [countable]

BIOLOGY an animal that kills and eats other animals
The birds have to be protected from foxes and other predators.

prey noun [uncountable]

an animal that is caught by another animal and eaten

Spiders usually catch their prey by building webs.

rare adjective

not happening very often

reputation noun [countable/uncountable]

the opinion that people have about how good or how bad someone or something is

responsible adjective [never before noun]

if something or someone is responsible for a situation or event, they are the cause of it

He was responsible for the accident.

seal noun [countable]

a large sea animal that eats fish and lives mainly in cold parts of the world. Seals are *amphibious* (they can live both in water and on land). A young seal is called a *pup*.

species noun [countable]

BIOLOGY a plant or animal group whose members all have similar general features and are able to produce young plants or animals together

sting noun [countable]

the pain that you feel when an insect, animal, or plant stings you, or the mark on your body where this happens

He had a nasty wasp sting on his leg.

terrifying adjective

extremely frightening

trapped verb [transitive, usually passive]

to prevent someone from leaving a place, especially a dangerous place

Both men were trapped inside the burning car.

worldwide adverb

happening or existing all over the world

Our company employs 1,500 staff worldwide.