

Sharks4Kids

JAWSOME ADAPTATIONS

Grade 3-4 Activity



NGSS:3-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity
LS4.C: Adaptations
4-LSI Form Molecules to Organism: Structures and Processes
LS1.A: Structure and Function

Introduction:

Sharks have some pretty JAWsome adaptations to help them survive in different habitats including, camouflage, fin size and shape and counter-shading.

Materials: Paper, pencils, crayons

Time: 20-30 minutes

Procedure:

1. Print shark outline for each student.
2. Ask them to create their own species of shark.
3. They must name the shark and explain why they chose that name.
4. The shark must have 3-4 adaptations to help it survive in a specific habitat. (Ex: Eye shape, coloration, fin shape and size)
5. Which habitat does the shark live in? How does each adaptation help them survive.

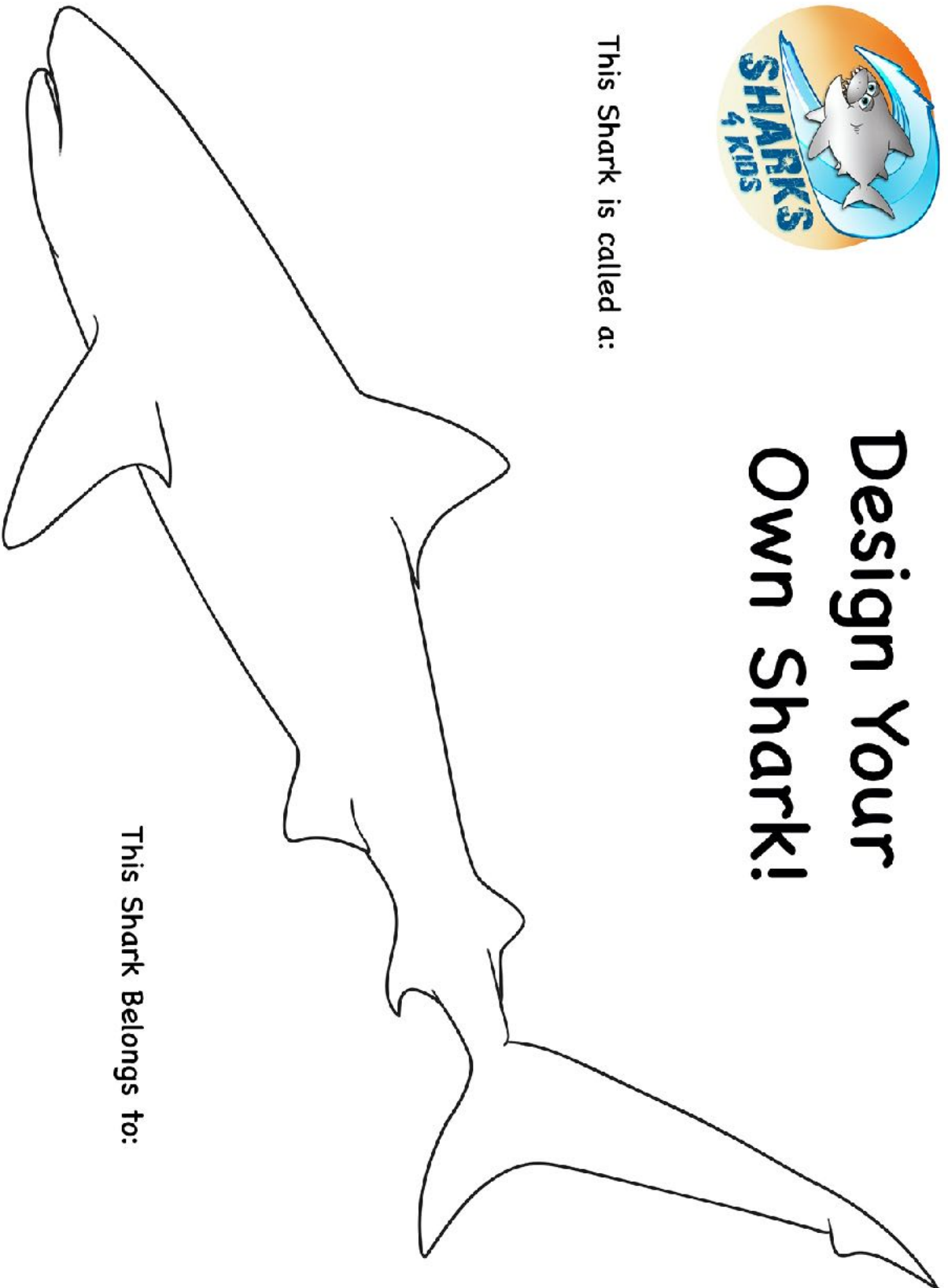
Discussion:

Discuss the importance of adaptations for the survival of species. How do adaptations allow different species to survive in different habitats.



Design Your Own Shark!

This Shark is called a:



This Shark Belongs to: