

## SHARK SUPER POWERS MATCHING GAME

### OBJECTIVES

In this activity students will:

- become aware of multiple species that exist and learn various scientific names.
- be challenged to match pictures and names with super powers unique to it.
- gain an understanding that super powers can vary between species even though they share many common characteristics among all sharks.
- discover how adaptations aid in the survival of a population.



**INTRODUCTION:** Did you know sharks had super powers? In this activity you may discover all sorts of weird and wonderful sharks you perhaps did not know existed and learn all about their extraordinary super powers.

**SET UP:** Print the shark AND question pages of this packet separately (do not print double sided) on card stock or laminate after printing. Cut out the separate sharks and questions (9 in total).

**NGSS:** K-LS1, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS4-2, MS-LS1-8, LS1.D, LS2.A, LS2.C, LS2.D, LS3.A, LS3.B, LS4.C, LS4.D

**ELA/Literacy:** W.4-5.7, RST.6-8.8, RST.6-8.4, WHST.6-8.7

**Essential Principle of Ocean Sciences 5:** The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.

### DIRECTIONS

1. Spread the cards out as if you are playing and demonstrate the game.
2. Turn over a card, set it down in its place so that every player can see it, and read any/all of the words on the card.
3. Tell the opponent(s) what you are hoping to turn over to create a match (what the matching card might say or how the matching picture might look).
4. Turn over a second card, set it down in its place so that every player can see it, and read any/all of the words on the card out loud.
5. Say either “These cards match” (refer to the answer key and pick the cards up) or say “These cards do not match” (and flip them back over so that they are face down on the table in their original position).
6. Have an opponent take a turn.
7. Check answers until all cards are picked up.

*Optional challenge:* When cards match, refer to the Shark Super Powers book for more information related to this species and its super power. Additionally, conduct research and have a discussion as to how this adaptation or ability aids in the survival of the species.



SHARK  
**SUPER!**  
POWERS  
SUPER MATCH!

Credit Brit Finucci



**PRICKLY DOGFISH**

(*Oxynotus brunensis*)

SHARK  
**SUPER!**  
POWERS  
SUPER MATCH!



**GREAT WHITE**

(*Carcharodon carcharias*)

SHARK  
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Credit Andy Murch



**GREENLAND SHARK**

(*Somniosus microcephalus*)

SHARK  
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**GREAT HAMMERHEAD**

(*Sphyrna mokarran*)

SHARK  
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**TIGER SHARK**

(*Galeocerdo cuvier*)

SHARK  
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**NURSE SHARK**

(*Ginglymostoma cirratum*)

SHARK  
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**BULL SHARK**

(*Carcharhinus leucas*)

SHARK  
**SUPER!**  
POWERS  
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Credit Ron Watkins



**SHORTFIN MAKO**

(*Isurus oxyrinchus*)

SHARK  
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POWERS  
SUPER MATCH!

Credit David Gruber



**SWELL SHARK**

(*Cephaloscyllium ventriosum*)





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# SUPER MATCH!



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