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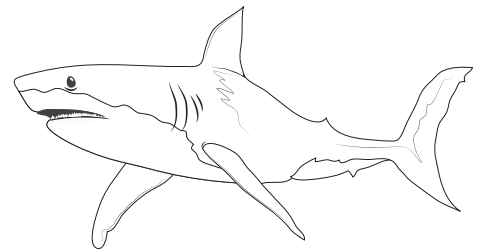
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### Sharks

#### What are sharks?

Sharks are a type of fish. There are over 450 species of shark on the planet. Most sharks live for approximately 20-30 years in the wild.



#### What do sharks look like?

Sharks have a stream-lined body which is covered in tiny scales. They have five different types of fins which help to support their bodies as they move through the water. Sharks also have gills which allow them to breathe in oxygen.

#### Where do sharks live?

Sharks are found all around the world. Most sharks are ocean dwellers, though some live in freshwater. Sharks live together in large groups known as schools.

#### What do sharks eat?

Sharks are carnivores, which means they are meat-eaters. Most sharks eat smaller fish or small invertebrates, such as crabs, squid and turtles. They prey on the weakest animals in order to make hunting easier.

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### Astronauts

#### Who are astronauts?

Astronauts are a special type of pilot. They are qualified to travel into space in space shuttles. Both men and women can be astronauts, as long as they have completed their training.



#### What do astronauts do?

Astronauts conduct missions into space. While they are in space, they often deploy satellites that orbit Earth. Astronauts must also know how to repair their space craft if something goes wrong during a mission.

#### What equipment do astronauts need?

Astronauts wear highly-protective space suits. These contain oxygen so the astronaut can breathe. Astronauts use heat-resistant safety tethers to stop them floating away. They also use tools built especially for doing repairs in space.

#### What skills do astronauts have?

Astronauts need to have a great amount of knowledge about space. They must be able to cope with zero gravity, which can be very demanding on the body. Astronauts must also be able to work in a team with other people.

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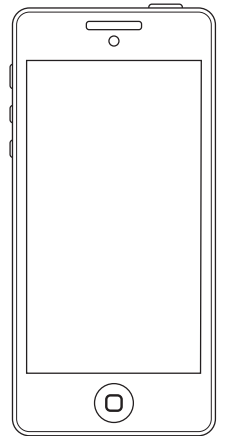
### Smartphones

#### What are smartphones?

Smartphones are a type of telephone. They are a mode of communication. Smartphones are available in a variety of different models.

#### What do smartphones look like?

Smartphones are made from plastic, metal and scratch-resistant glass. They are usually small enough to fit inside a person's pocket. Smartphones have a touchscreen which covers most of the front surface of the device.



#### What are smartphones used for?

Smartphones are used for making and receiving telephone calls and text messages. They are equipped with cameras and can capture photos and videos. Smartphones have wi-fi capabilities and can access the internet from most areas.

#### How valuable are smartphones?

Smartphones are quite expensive and can cost several hundred dollars. The price of the device usually depends on the features it has. Like most technological devices, the value of older smartphones usually goes down as newer models are created.

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