



**Prize Winner**

# Science Writing

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# SPECIES SURVIVAL- GREAT WHITE SHARK

HELLO! I'M THE GREATEST PREDATOR IN THE OCEAN AND I LIKE TO LIVE IN COOL WATERS NEAR THE COAST. MY FAVOURITE FOOD IS NORMALLY FISH AND SEALS. I ALSO HUNT FOR OTHER SHARKS AND SEA LIONS. I NEED TO BE CAREFUL OF ORCAS AND OTHER GREAT WHITE SHARKS BECAUSE THEY CAN KILL ME. I HAVE 309 TEETH AND SMILE WITH SEVEN ROWS OF TEETH. I DON'T CHEW BUT I RIP MY FOOD UP TO TINY PIECES SO I CAN EAT IT. WHEN I WAS A BABY, I WEIGHED 35 KILOGRAMS AND MY LENGTH WAS 1.5 METRES. NOW I'M EIGHT I WEIGH 700KG AND MY LENGTH IS 2.8 METRES. WHEN I'M AN ADULT I WILL BE BETWEEN 680 AND 1800 KG.

SPECIES SURVIVAL IS WHETHER A PARTICULAR SPECIES CAN CONTINUE TO EXIST OVER TIME. THE GREAT WHITE SHARK IS VULNERABLE, AND ITS POPULATION IS GETTING LESS BECAUSE MEN WANT TO GET THEIR FINS AND TAKE THEIR TEETH FOR TROPHIES. MY FOOD MAY RUN OUT FROM OVERFISHING. I FEEL SAD THAT THEY ARE DYING. I WANT PEOPLE TO STOP FISHING AND PUTTING NETS OUT SO SHARKS DON'T GET STUCK AND I CAN LIVE TO BE GROWN UP.

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