



## Quick Check

## Whale Sharks: Giant Fish

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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How is a whale shark different from other sharks?
  - (A) It has rough skin and scales.
  - (B) It has a skeleton made of cartilage.
  - (C) It uses its whole body to swim.
  - (D) It is cold-blooded.
2. In the table of contents, which section title directs the reader to details on whale shark babies?
  - (A) "Baby Giants"
  - (B) "Big Fish, Small Food"
  - (C) "Watch Your Mouth!"
  - (D) "Gentle Giants"
3. What does the word **migrate** mean?
  - (A) to propel the body through the water using limbs or fins
  - (B) to hunt and eat for survival
  - (C) to move from one habitat to another at a certain time
  - (D) to be afraid of something
4. Why is a whale shark's way of eating called *filter feeding*?
  - (A) It only eats a special type of fish called a *filter fish*.
  - (B) It filters its food before eating, sorting out the animals from the plants.
  - (C) It filters food off the ocean floor.
  - (D) Its filter pads catch the small animals and plants, while letting the water flow out.
5. What is the main idea of the section "Care for a Swim"?
  - (A) Swimming with whale sharks is popular in places where they gather.
  - (B) Except for their smaller size, pups look like adult whale sharks.
  - (C) Whale sharks do not usually travel with other whale sharks.
  - (D) Unlike most other sharks, whale sharks don't actively hunt for food.

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**6. Extended Response:** Describe at least three facts you learned about whale sharks from reading the book, and at least one opinion you read about whale sharks in the book. Then, write two of your own opinions about these giant fish.



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### Quick Check Answer Sheet

1. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Answers will vary, but must identify three factual details and an opinion from the book, followed by two original opinions about whale sharks generated by the student.