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**Level 5 – 27th August, 2019**

## **Endangered sharks and rays get more protection**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species-5.html>

There is agreement on protecting 18 threatened species of sharks and rays. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) agreed to give greater protection for the marine creatures from commercial fishing. Many of the threatened species are hunted for their meat and fins. Some of the protected species include the world's fastest shark (the mako shark), wedgefishes and guitarfishes. The Wildlife Conservation Society said: "Sharks are vulnerable....Momentum is clearly building to ensure that these species...continue to be around for future generations."

CITES is an international treaty established in 1973 signed by 182 different states to protect endangered animals and plants. The focus of the weekend meeting was on protecting sharks. The number of sharks killed each year by commercial fishing is estimated at 100 million. A conservation group said this could be as high as 273 million. Forty countries disagreed that the mako shark was in danger because there was not enough evidence to show it was disappearing as a result of fishing. The global shark fin market is thought to be worth over \$1.2 billion.

Sources: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/world-s-fastest-shark-most-threatened-shark-to-get-new-protections-1.4564168>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-49466717>  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/08/mako-shark-protections-cites/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. 18 threatened species of sharks  | a. vulnerable  |
| 2. agreed to give greater           | b. and rays    |
| 3. marine                           | c. generations |
| 4. hunted for their meat            | d. protection  |
| 5. Some of the protected            | e. building    |
| 6. Sharks are                       | f. and fins    |
| 7. Momentum is clearly              | g. species     |
| 8. continue to be around for future | h. creatures   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CITES is an international | a. evidence           |
| 2. signed by 182 different   | b. market             |
| 3. The focus of the weekend  | c. fishing            |
| 4. commercial                | d. over \$1.2 billion |
| 5. there was not enough      | e. states             |
| 6. disappearing as a result  | f. treaty             |
| 7. The global shark fin      | g. meeting            |
| 8. worth                     | h. of fishing         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is agreement on protecting (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of sharks and rays. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) agreed to give greater protection for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from commercial fishing. Many of the threatened species are hunted for their (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Some of the protected species include the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (the mako shark), wedgefishes and guitarfishes. The Wildlife Conservation Society said: "Sharks are vulnerable....Momentum is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ensure that these species...continue to be around (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

CITES is an international (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 1973 signed by 182 different states to protect endangered animals and plants. The focus of the weekend meeting (8) \_\_\_\_\_ sharks. The number of sharks killed each year by commercial fishing (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 million. A conservation group said this (10) \_\_\_\_\_ high as 273 million. Forty countries disagreed that the mako shark was in danger because there was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to show it was disappearing as a result of fishing. The global shark fin market is thought to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.2 billion.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190827-endangered-species-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about endangered species in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

