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Level 1 – 20th August 2026

Influencers risk shark bites for perfect photo

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many influencers want to take the perfect photograph. They want their followers to see their photos. Some influencers are risking their lives by swimming with sharks. However, things can go wrong. People can be bitten by sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes channel says there are more shark attacks than ever before. He warned that sharks were dangerous predators and wild animals. He added that you wouldn't go on safari and try to put your hand on a lion.

Shark experts are warning influencers to stay away from sharks. They say many people are getting injured or killed. Last year, a shark bit both hands off a woman when she tried to take a photo of it. Two months later, another influencer was killed. He was trying to feed the sharks to get them to come closer. Experts said influencers are sending a dangerous message to their followers. The followers might think it is safe to touch sharks.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2026/08/16/influencers-putting-lives-jeopardy-perfect-shark-snap-29391762/>
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/08/16/influencers-attacked-by-sharks-while-trying-to-take-selfies/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5yvrn7rpqpo>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. take the perfect | a. wrong |
| 2. They want their followers | b. than ever before |
| 3. influencers are risking | c. to see their photos |
| 4. things can go | d. predators |
| 5. People can be bitten | e. their lives |
| 6. there are more shark attacks | f. by sharks |
| 7. dangerous | g. safari |
| 8. go on | h. photograph |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. experts are warning | a. away from sharks |
| 2. stay | b. to touch sharks |
| 3. people are getting injured | c. a photo of it |
| 4. a shark bit both | d. or killed |
| 5. she tried to take | e. influencers |
| 6. He was trying to feed | f. dangerous message |
| 7. influencers are sending a | g. hands off a woman |
| 8. it is safe | h. the sharks |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many influencers want to (1) _____ photograph. They want their (2) _____ their photos. Some influencers are (3) _____ by swimming with sharks. However, things can go wrong. People can (4) _____ sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes channel says there are more shark attacks (5) _____. He warned that sharks were dangerous predators and wild animals. He added that you wouldn't (6) _____ and try to put your hand on a lion.

Shark (7) _____ influencers to stay away from sharks. They say many people (8) _____ or killed. Last year, a shark bit both hands off a woman (9) _____ to take a photo of it. Two months later, another influencer was killed. He was (10) _____ the sharks to get them to come closer. Experts said influencers (11) _____ dangerous message to their followers. The followers might think it is (12) _____ sharks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INFLUENCERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2608/260820-influencers-and-sharks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about influencers 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **influencers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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