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Level 2 – 20th August 2026

Influencers risk shark bites for perfect photo

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many people want to take the perfect photograph. Influencers try hard to do this. They want their followers to see their photos. Some influencers are risking their lives by swimming with sharks. However, things can go wrong and people can be bitten by sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes YouTube channel says he is hearing about "way more" shark attacks than ever before. He warned that sharks were dangerous predators. He said they were very large wild animals. He added: "You wouldn't walk into the Serengeti [on safari] and try to put your hand on the face of a lion."

Shark experts are warning influencers to stay away from sharks. They say many people try to photograph sharks and then get injured or killed. Last year, a shark bit both hands off a woman when she tried to take a photo of it. Her husband tried to protect her. He said it was a "living nightmare". Two months later, another influencer was killed. He was trying to feed the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. Experts said influencers are sending a dangerous message to their followers because 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. Many people want to take the | a. predators |
| 2. Influencers try | b. wrong |
| 3. risking their lives by | c. hard to do this |
| 4. things can go | d. the face of a lion |
| 5. way more | e. safari |
| 6. dangerous | f. perfect photograph |
| 7. on | g. shark attacks |
| 8. put your hand on | h. swimming with sharks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. shark | a. protect her |
| 2. warning influencers | b. off a woman |
| 3. get injured or | c. experts |
| 4. a shark bit both hands | d. safe to touch sharks |
| 5. Her husband tried to | e. to stay away |
| 6. He was trying to feed | f. message |
| 7. influencers are sending a dangerous | g. killed |
| 8. followers might think it is | h. the sharks |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people want to (1) _____ photograph. Influencers (2) _____ do this. They want their followers to see their photos. Some influencers are (3) _____ by swimming with sharks. However, things can go wrong and people can (4) _____ sharks. The host of the Shark Bytes YouTube channel says he is hearing about "way more" shark attacks (5) _____. He warned that sharks were dangerous predators. He said they were very (6) _____. He added: "You wouldn't walk into the Serengeti [on safari] and try to put your hand on the face of a lion."

Shark (7) _____ influencers to stay away from sharks. They say many people try to photograph sharks and then get (8) _____. Last year, a shark bit both hands off a woman when she tried to take a photo of it. Her husband tried to protect her. He said it was (9) _____. Two months later, another influencer was killed. He was (10) _____ the sharks to get them to come closer, but they attacked him. Experts said influencers are sending (11) _____ to their followers because the followers might think it is (12) _____ sharks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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INFLUENCERS SURVEY

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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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