

Unit 7 - Wildlife

Task 1: Decide whether the plural forms of the nouns are correct or incorrect. If incorrect, write down the correct form.

1. Thief- thieves _____.
2. Deer-deeres _____.
3. Day-days _____.
4. Baby-babies _____.
5. Fish-fishes _____.
6. Sheep-sheep _____.
7. Coat-coates _____.
8. Shelf-shelfs _____.
9. Mouse-mice _____.
10. Fox-foxs _____.

Task 2: Write the correct form of the noun in brackets in its plural form.

- 1- These **(person)**_____ are protesting outside the parliament building
- 2- The **(woman)**_____ there want to meet the manager.
- 3- My **(child)**_____ hate eating healthily
- 4- I clean my **(tooth)**_____ three times a day.
- 5- The **(student)**_____ are doing the exercises right now.
- 6- My **(foot)**_____ hurt so much after walking around the city the whole day.
- 7- I just bought a new set of **(knife)**_____ for my kitchen.

Task 3: Over the years, sharks have gotten a bad reputation as bloodthirsty man-eaters. You are going to read an article in which four people express their opinions about sharks. For questions 1-10 chose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once.

- A. Every year, the fins of between 26 and 73 million sharks are traded in markets around the world. Far more are likely killed at sea, though we will never know just how many. The threats we pose are many. By-catch: the accidental killing of sharks in fishing gear intended for other species. Illegal poaching and hunting: selling shark fins for soup and sport fishing for shark-jaw trophies. Nets: placed along coastlines to keep sharks away from beaches. It turns out that sharks have more reason to fear humans than the other way around.
- B. While shark encounters do occur, they are actually extremely rare - despite the extensive media coverage they usually receive. In fact, your chances of being the victim of an unprovoked shark encounter are lower than your chances of being struck by lightning, injured in a hunting accident, or even attacked by a domestic dog. Even though the odds are in your favor, sharks are wild animals that must be respected when encountered. (Note we used the term "shark encounter" instead of "shark attack." That's because usually the sharks aren't trying to hurt people, they are just curious.)
- C. It's not just comparisons to other traumatic events that can help put the danger of shark attacks in perspective. Things we encounter in everyday life and common activities often pose much greater danger than sharks. For example, you are much more likely to be killed by a car or a fall, a mishap with fireworks, or even a bad case of the flu than by a shark attack.
- D. Sharks have six highly refined senses: smell, hearing, touch, taste, sight, and electromagnetism. These finely honed senses, along with a sleek, torpedo-shaped body, make most sharks highly skilled hunters. They often serve as top predators—keeping populations of prey species in check. Removing them in large numbers can have ripple effects that throw entire ecosystems out of balance.

Which person

- 1. ...is convinced that certain human daily activities are more life-threatening than sharks? _____
- 2. ...states that shark attacks are not as common as people think? _____
- 3. ...is sure that humans are a far greater threat to sharks than vice versa? _____
- 4. ...has realized that a killing instinct is not what attracts sharks to people? _____
- 5. ...admits that sharks are highly developed animals? _____
- 6. ...states that the actual number of sharks killed on a yearly basis is unknown? _____
- 7. ...says that the elimination of sharks would have a dramatic effect on marine ecosystems? _____
- 8. ...suggests a change in the way people refer to a shark attack? _____
- 9. ...says that some shark parts have high commercial value? _____
- 10. ...explains that the probability of dying in an accident is a lot higher? _____

Task 4: Very frequently, phrases are formed by using animals to define people or human features. Match the adjectives in the left column with the animals in the right column according to the characteristics you think the animals have. Use a dictionary if necessary.

- a) as tired as _____
- b) as blind as _____
- c) as brave as _____
- d) as busy as _____
- e) as clumsy as _____
- f) as cunning as _____
- g) as fast as _____
- h) as fat as _____
- i) as gentle as _____
- j) as harmless as _____
- k) as hungry as _____
- l) as mean as _____
- m) as poor as _____
- n) as proud as _____

- 1. a fox
- 2. a bat
- 3. a hare
- 4. a bee
- 5. a dog
- 6. a lamb
- 7. a snake
- 8. a peacock
- 9. an elephant
- 10. a dove
- 11. a church mouse
- 12. a wolf
- 13. a pig
- 14. a lion