

# What is a Shark?

(Pre-visit)

**Grade Level:** PreK-1st

**Purpose:** To have students tell the teacher and us what they know about sharks. Any trait, characteristics, fears, or anything else they think of is fine.

**Materials:**

- Chalkboard and chalk
- Students
- Paper and pencil to transfer their ideas and bring them to the aquarium

**Teacher Background Information:**

Children often have their own ideas of what different animals are like and how they live. This activity will give them a chance to share their ideas with their teacher and with us when they come to the aquarium.

**Procedure:**

- 1) Let the students know about their trip and that they will be seeing sharks.
- 2) Have the students list what they know or what they think of when they think of sharks.
- 3) Bring the list to the aquarium and give to the educator when they greet you or when you start your program, especially if you are doing a shark program.

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1) What was the most common idea that the students had? Why might this be?
- 2) Name three types of sharks and find out where they live and what they like to eat.