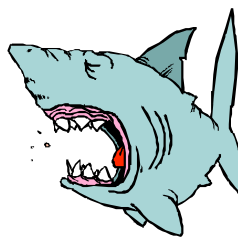


2 people attacked by sharks off eastern Australia

Section A: Warm up

Answer the following questions based on your own experience.

- Do you think that sharks are dangerous?
- Where can you find sharks?
- What do sharks like to eat?
- What sport/s have the danger of shark attack?



Section B: Vocabulary

Match the word on the left with its definition on the right.

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| 1. Fought/fight off (v) | (a) lose a leg or an arm |
| 2. Paddle (n) | (b) on a ship |
| 3. Kayak (n) | (c) find |
| 4. Lunge (v) | (d) stay alive |
| 5. Lose a limb | (e) to defend oneself |
| 6. Blade (n) | (f) end of a paddle |
| 7. Survive (v) | (g) attack; dive for |
| 8. Stitches (n) | (h) doctors make after a deep cut |
| 9. Small bite wound | (i) something an animal might make |
| 10. Locate (v) | (j) a light weight canoe |
| 11. Onboard (adj.) | (k) a piece of wood used to move a boat through water |

Section C: Reading

Read the following article from the Mainichi newspaper.

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It was one of two shark attacks in Australia on Monday.

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"I had my **blade** in my hands so I punched at it with my **blade**. That was the only way I was going to **survive**," she said, referring to the double-ended paddle used on sea kayaks, a type of covered canoe used for surfing or camping expeditions.

"I just kept punching, punching, punching" at the shark until it swam away, she said.

Whitehurst made her way back to shore, where she received four **stitches** in her right arm for a **small bite wound**. Her vessel shows bite marks underneath.

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The man, who was not identified, was treated **onboard** his charter boat for a deep cut to his calf muscle before being airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in the northern city of Cairns.

Mainichi, Japan, October 15, 2007

Section D: Comprehension

Write your answers to the following questions, then discuss with a partner...

1. Where did this story happen?
2. Who was attacked?
3. What is the consequence (result) of the shark attack?
4. How did the person protect himself or herself?

Section E: Gap Fill

Fill in the spaces below with the words from the box

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