Shark jaws and teeth

Engage & Explore (Teacher guide)

Each group of students should have 1-2 jaws to explore. Either pose all questions for all groups to explore or give each group a focus question to explore and develop a hypothesis for, then share with the class after. See pg. 2 for student handout with questions.

Below are talking points and general answers to guide the students towards during a discussion.

Why don't sharks just have bony jaws?

Shark jaws are meant to move, and be flexible, just like a saw! Since sharks have no arms, this sawing motion allows them to break their food up into smaller bites. (Like we use a fork and knife!)

How long does it take for a

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