

3. Brightly colored scales can help smaller fish blend into their surroundings and hide from predators. Sharks do not require this kind of protection.

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1. The fins, tail, and scaled surface are fishlike characteristics.

2. The large size, broad mouth, large number of teeth, broad face, and rigid fins are more unique characteristics of a shark.



1. What characteristics does this shark share with most other fishes?
2. What characteristics of the shark are not seen in most other fishes?
3. Many fish have brightly colored scales. Why might this adaptation be unnecessary in a shark?