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Reading Comprehension

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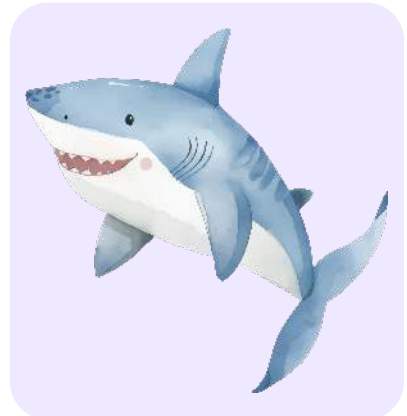
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- a. Mako shark b. Hammerhead c) Whale shark

3. How fast can a mako shark swim?

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Section B — Write your answer

4. Name three facts about sharks from the passage

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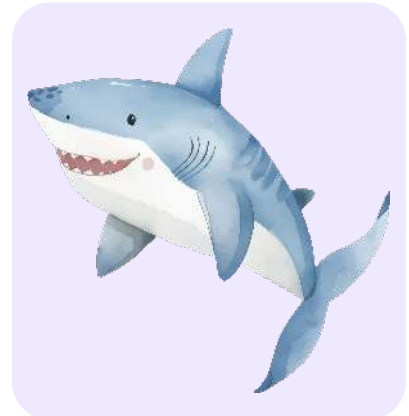
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