MEET NORMAN THE NURSE SHARK

Teaching Packet

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**Norman the Nurse Shark**

**Fin- Tastic VocabULARY Words**

1. **Caudal Fin:** This is the tail fin.
2. **Conservation:** The protection of plants, animals and their habitats.
3. **Dorsal Fin:** The fin located on the back (top) of sharks, other fish and marine animals.
4. **Gills:** An organ used for breathing by animals in the water.
5. **Mangroves:** Mangroves are trees or bushes that can tolerate exposure to salt water. They are found along coastlines and are home to lots of organisms above and below the water.
6. **Nasal Barbel:** These are sensory projections near the nostrils and mouth of some sharks (i.e., the nurse shark) used to taste and feel.
7. **Nocturnal:** An organism that is active at night and sleeps during the day.
8. **Predator:** An animal that kills and eats other animals.
9. **Prey:** Animal caught and eaten by other animals.
10. **Shark:** Sharks are fish that have skeletons made of cartilage (cartilaginous fish) and five to seven gill slits. There are over 500 different species of shark.

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Word Search

CONSERVATION      CAUDAL FIN      DORSAL FIN      GILLS

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MANGROVES  NASAL BARBEL  NOCTURNAL

PREDATOR  PREY  SHARK

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Word Search Answer KEY

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TRUE OR FALSE Quiz

1. Nurse sharks are primarily nocturnal.  T or F
2. Baby sharks are called kittens.  T or F
3. Nurse sharks eat turtles and large fish when they are babies.  T or F
4. Some nurse sharks can be found in mangrove forests.  T or F
5. Nurse sharks can suck a conch out of the shell.  T or F
6. Nurse sharks have vampire fangs.  T or F
7. Nurse sharks have to swim to stay alive.  T or F
8. Adult nurse sharks are about fifteen feet long.  T or F
9. Nurse sharks are named after medical workers that help doctors.  T or F
10. Baby nurse sharks are born with spots on their bellies.  T or F

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TRUE OR FALSE Quiz ANSWER KEY

1. Nurse sharks are primarily nocturnal.  T

2. Baby sharks are called kittens.  F

**Baby sharks are called pups.**

3. Nurse sharks eat turtles and large fish when they are babies.  F

**Baby nurse sharks will eat small fish and crabs.**

4. Some nurse sharks can be found in mangrove forests.  T

5. Nurse sharks can suck a conch out of the shell.  T

6. Nurse sharks have vampire fangs.  F

**They have nasal barbels, which help them find prey in the sand.**

7. Nurse sharks have to swim to stay alive.  F

**They can rest on the bottom and pump water over their gills.**

8. Adult nurse sharks are about fifteen feet long.  F

**Most adult nurse sharks are between 7-9 feet in length.**

9. Nurse sharks are named after medical workers that help doctors.  F

**They are named after the sucking noise they make when eating and finding prey in the sand.**

10. Baby nurse sharks are born with spots on their bellies.  T

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