

Part 1

The photographs in the table below are of nine very different species of sharks and rays. Use the key (appendix 1) to match the photographs to the names and write them in the table.



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Part 2

Once you have finished matching the species answer the questions below.

1. What features do all of the sharks and rays have in common which characterises them all as fish?
2. Their bodies have different shapes and colours and their mouths are different shapes and sizes. What does this suggest about where each species might live and what it might eat?

Part 3

If you have time why not watch the videos and the read the information on these species on ARKive.

You can find the sharks and rays you have been investigating at:
www.arkive.org/sharks-and-rays

Did you get the answers to the questions right?

When you look at the videos of different sharks, think about how their shape has been adapted to their movement.

1. How do the sharks use their fins when they are moving?
2. Are the fin shapes adapted to different styles of motion?
3. What other interesting features are unique to sharks and rays?

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