

Read the passages and select the best answer for each question.

THE MOST DANGEROUS SHARK

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Shark hunting has become increasingly popular. According to the World Wildlife Organization, sharks are already on the endangered list because of overfishing. Sharks are a key element to the natural order of the marine ecosystem. This organization is hard at work to try and rebalance the relationship between sharks and humans.

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- a. Great White Sharks' senses are a reason they are so dangerous.
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