From Teeth to Tail

With so many species of sharks, there is a lot of variety in what they look like. But, many sharks share the same **anatomy**.

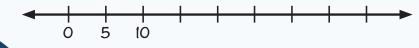
All sharks are fish. This means that they use **gills** to breathe and **fins** to swim. Caudal (KAWD-uhl) fins, or tail fins, give sharks strength. As sharks move from side to side, their fins push them through the water.

Parts of a Shark eye gills dorsal fin pectoral fin body

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

While at the aquarium, Toby notices that some sharks have 5 gills on each side of their bodies.

- 1. Skip count by 5s to prove how many total gills one shark has.
- 2. There are 4 sharks in the tank. Draw a number line similar to the one below. Choose a number to skip count by, and use the number line to prove how many gills four sharks have.



Reef sharks use their strong fins to make quick turns.