

## Check your ALCE Listening Skills: Part 4

### Key and item analysis

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#### Question 1

- A: That they hunt humans all the time.
- B: That they can and will attack swimmers.
- C: That they are hunted by people.

#### ANSWER KEY

A.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Medium

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “partly due to the influence of the Jaws films, the great white shark is now popularly thought of as a man-eating monster that comes looking for swimmers. But the real situation is a little different”. Therefore, A is the correct answer choice.

#### Question 2

- A: Because they are hungry.
- B: Because they are afraid.
- C: Because they mistake humans for other food

#### ANSWER KEY

C.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “most attacks on humans are cases of mistaken identity” and later gives an example of the similarity of a human on an inflatable mattress to a turtle. Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

### Question 3

- A: Because the shark thinks the person is a turtle.
- B: Because the shark believes the person is a soft target.
- C: Because the shark knows its attack will be a surprise.

#### ANSWER KEY

A.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “from underwater they look like a turtle – the mattress looks like the turtle’s body and their arms and legs like a turtle’s flippers”. Therefore, A is the correct answer choice.

### Question 4

- A: Sharks cause about a hundred human deaths every year.
- B: In some places, shark attacks on humans occur regularly.
- C: A shark may attack if it thinks a human will take its food.

#### ANSWER KEY

C.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “on other occasions, sharks have been known to attack humans when they get too close to the shark or the shark’s food”. Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

## Question 5

- A: Great white sharks kill humans more than any other shark.
- B: Great white sharks are the only sharks that attack humans.
- C: Great white shark attacks pose a serious risk to swimmers.

### ANSWER KEY

A.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

Speaking of shark attacks, the speaker says “the number is fewer than 100 per year of average, and only a tiny proportion of them are fatal. Admittedly, great whites account for the majority of these fatalities”. Therefore, A is the correct answer choice.

## Question 6

- A: They always attack directly and without warning.
- B: They are very big and can swim extremely fast.
- C: Their attacks are usually fatal to their prey.

### ANSWER KEY

B.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “so what have great white sharks done to earn their terrible reputations? First of all, they are large and fearsome...They also move very quickly...For humans, the fast-moving pectoral fin speeding through the water is a fearsome harbinger of danger”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

## Question 7

- A: It is exceptionally hungry.
- B: It is stimulated by other sharks.
- C: Its senses are overloaded.

### ANSWER KEY

C.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “because sharks have such sensitive sensory organs for smelling, seeing and detecting vibrations in the water, so many things in the water confuse the shark’s sensory systems...The sharks are driven into a frenzy”. Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

## Question 8

- A: Because it is legal to hunt them in many countries.
- B: Because of the decline of many of their prey species.
- C: Because their hunting skills have become ineffective.

### ANSWER KEY

B.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “and combined with a reduction of their food sources, great whites are now an endangered species”, and the speaker mentions that it is illegal to hunt them in many countries. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

## Question 9

- A: Because they are old before they reproduce.
- B: Because they find it difficult to find a mate.
- C: Because their young rarely survive to adulthood.

### ANSWER KEY

A.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The speaker says “like all sharks, great whites reproduce late in their lives...the result is that the natural rate of population replenishment is very slow”. Therefore, A is the correct answer choice.

## Question 10

- A: The marine ecosystem will be permanently disrupted.
- B: The number of fish will diminish for many years.
- C: The populations of seals and turtles will grow.

### ANSWER KEY

C.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

Speaking of seal, turtles and other species, the speaker says “without sharks, such creatures would swell in numbers, leading to reduced populations of fish and other creatures...the result would probably be...major disruption to the local ecosystem for decades”, implying that the disruption to the ecosystem is not permanent. Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.