**Great White Shark**

**'I wondered if it was the last thing I would ever see': Shocking moment an enormous great white shark snatches a fin from a man free diving off Australia's east coast’**

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* **He said he felt a sudden blow from behind, but believed it was a playful seal**

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Callum Stewart was making his way to the surface of the water near Martin Island, south of Sydney, around 9am when he said he felt a sudden blow from behind, pushing him upward.

Believing it was one of the seals that had been swimming alongside him, Mr Stewart told the [**Illawarra Mercury**](http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/5169168/mans-fin-snatched-as-great-white-takes-test-bite-off-wollongong/?cs=300) he turned to take a look at the playful creature but instead came eye-to-eye with a massive great white shark.

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Callum Stewart (pictured) was making his way to the surface of the water near Martin Island, south of Sydney, around 9am when he said he felt a sudden blow from behind, pushing him upward Mr Stewart, an engineer, told the publication he was so shocked he didn't immediately realise the shark had yanked his one-metre-long fin off his left foot and was still holding it in its mouth.

Coralie Fleming, Mr Stewart's diving partner, told the Illawarra Mercury she watched on in horror as the shark bit onto the 28-year-old's left foot and initially thought her friend had been ripped in half. ‘There was one metre [missing] off Callum's body. I was horrified, then I realised it was just the fin.'

Mr Stewart, Ms Fleming, and her boyfriend Mitchell Scanlan-Bloor, who captured the incident on video, scrambled to a nearby rock for safety before making their way to their boat, anchored 30 metres away.

The presence of large sharks is common around groups of seals, Dr Vic Peddemors, the Department of Primary Industries' head shark researcher, told the publication. Dr Peddemors said the great white appeared to have taken a 'test bite' to see if Mr Stewart was a food source.

**Reading Questions**

1. In metres what size was the shark?

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2. How old is Callum Stewart?

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3. Where was Callum Stewart on Saturday morning?

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4. What did Callum Stewart think the shark was?

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5. What was the angle (degree) of the turn?

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6. What did Callum Stewart look at dead in the eye?

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7. What is Mr Stewart’s occupation?

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8. What did the shark take from Mr Stewart?

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9. What is the name of Mr Stewart’s diving partner?

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10. Who captured the video on video camera?

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**Writing Questions**

1. The college have asked you to interview Callum Stewart, about his shark attack. Write five questions you would like to ask him.

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1. Work with a partner and one of you pretend that you are Callum Stewart in the hot seat and the other is a journalist asking him the questions. Then swap over, this is to work on your speaking and listening skills.
2. Put full stops, question marks and capital letters into the paragraph below.

the thoughts started racing through callum’s head would this be the last thing he would ever see callum had thought a seal was behind him playfully nudging him then he looked straight into the eyes of a shark

**Stretch and Challenge**

1. You are Callum and want to write a short article about your shark experience. Write 75-100 words in your article about the points below.

* What happened to you?
* Why this happened to you
* How you felt
* Who saw what happened?

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