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## Endangered species in U.S. shark fin soup

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A new study has found that U.S. restaurants are using endangered shark species to make shark fin soup. The study is from the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at Stony Brook University in New York. Researchers looked at the DNA of soups in 14 American cities. They found 33 different species of sharks used by various restaurants. The endangered scalloped hammerhead shark was among the species found on some menus.

Shark fin soup is a delicacy in Chinese cuisine. Many customers will pay up to \$100 for a bowl of the soup. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) says around 73 million sharks are killed around the world every year to make shark fin soup. The university scientists warned people about what they might be eating. Researcher Dr Demian Chapman analysed the DNA of the different soups. He said: "US consumers of shark fin soup cannot be certain of what's in their soup. They could be eating a species that is in serious trouble."

# PHRASE MATCH

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**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. endangered               | a. looked at the DNA |
| 2. Researchers              | b. hammerhead shark  |
| 3. sharks used by various   | c. shark species     |
| 4. The endangered scalloped | d. some menus        |
| 5. among the                | e. restaurants       |
| 6. found on                 | f. species           |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a delicacy in                  | a. they might be eating |
| 2. customers will pay up to \$100 | b. in serious trouble   |
| 3. around 73 million sharks       | c. in their soup        |
| 4. warned people about what       | d. for a bowl           |
| 5. cannot be certain of what's    | e. Chinese cuisine      |
| 6. a species that is              | f. are killed           |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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A new (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that U.S. restaurants are using endangered shark (2) \_\_\_\_\_ shark fin soup. The study is from the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Science at Stony Brook University in New York. Researchers looked at the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 14 American cities. They found 33 different species of sharks (5) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants. The endangered scalloped hammerhead shark was among the species found (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Shark fin soup (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese cuisine. Many customers (8) \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 for a bowl of the soup. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) says (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sharks are killed around the world every year to make shark fin soup. The university scientists warned people about what they (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Researcher Dr Demian Chapman analysed the DNA of the different soups. He said: "US consumers of shark fin soup cannot (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in their soup. They could be eating a species that (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A new study has found that U.S. restaurants are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ endangered shark species to make shark fin soup. The study is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at Stony Brook University in New York. Researchers looked at the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of soups in 14 American cities. They found 33 different species of sharks used by (4) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants. The endangered scalloped hammerhead shark was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the species found on some (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Shark fin soup is a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Chinese cuisine. Many customers will pay (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to \$100 for a bowl of the soup. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) says (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 73 million sharks are killed around the world every year to make shark fin soup. The university scientists warned people about what they might (10) \_\_\_\_\_ eating. Researcher Dr Demian Chapman analysed the DNA of the different soups. He said: "US (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of shark fin soup cannot be certain of what's in their soup. They could be eating a species that is in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ trouble."

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |               |                 |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) useful    | (b) used      | (c) using       |
| 2.  | (a) with      | (b) from      | (c) as          |
| 3.  | (a) DNA       | (b) ABC       | (c) MSG         |
| 4.  | (a) variety   | (b) varies    | (c) various     |
| 5.  | (a) between   | (b) inside    | (c) among       |
| 6.  | (a) menus     | (b) menu      | (c) menial      |
| 7.  | (a) delicious | (b) delicacy  | (c) delicate    |
| 8.  | (a) up        | (b) around    | (c) over        |
| 9.  | (a) circular  | (b) round     | (c) around      |
| 10. | (a) be        | (b) not       | (c) while       |
| 11. | (a) divers    | (b) consumers | (c) researchers |
| 12. | (a) series    | (b) serious   | (c) serials     |

# SPELLING

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1208/120813-endangered\\_species.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1208/120813-endangered_species.html)

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

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2. the tnutteIsi for Ocean Conservation
3. 14 American sciite
4. Researchers oelkdo at the DNA
5. used by iuvraso restaurants
6. found on some msuen

## Paragraph 2

7. Shark fin soup is a aeylccid
8. Chinese ueisinc
9. scientists awnrde people
10. leynaads the DNA
11. cannot be caernti
12. in ousisre trouble

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1208/120813-endangered\\_species.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1208/120813-endangered_species.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) people about what they might be eating. Researcher Dr Demian Chapman analysed the DNA
- ( ) 73 million sharks are killed around the world every year to make shark fin soup The university scientists warned
- ( ) 14 American cities. They found 33 different species of sharks used by
- ( ) certain of what's in their soup. They could be eating a species that is in serious trouble."
- ( ) various restaurants. The endangered scalloped hammerhead
- ( ) to make shark fin soup. The study is from the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at
- ( ) Shark fin soup is a delicacy in Chinese cuisine. Many customers will pay
- ( ) Stony Brook University in New York. Researchers looked at the DNA of soups in
- ( **1** ) A new study has found that U.S. restaurants are using endangered shark species
- ( ) up to \$100 for a bowl of the soup. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) says around
- ( ) of the different soups. He said: "US consumers of shark fin soup cannot be
- ( ) shark was among the species found on some menus.

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. using are species Restaurants shark endangered .

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2. the From Science Conservation Ocean for Institute.

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3. at looked Researchers soups of DNA the.

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4. found They sharks of species different 33.

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5. the Among menus some on found species.

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6. delicacy cuisine fin a Chinese Shark is in soup.

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7. for a bowl Customers will pay up to \$ 100.

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8. are killed 73 around million the sharks world.

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9. certain soup of what's Cannot in be their.

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10. in a serious species trouble that is Eating.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

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**Write about Endangered Species for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Search the Internet and find more information about endangered shark species. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about endangered species. Include an imaginary interview with one. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to an endangered species expert. Ask him/her three questions about endangered species. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.