

Going to the beach, something many people are ~~excite~~ excited for and do often when the weather is nice. Not many people can say they have had an encounter with sharks at the beach. For years beaches have been using nets and mesh to trap and kill sharks. While it has been successful, its not the most efficient method and sharks ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> living organisms as well that should not be killed in their own domain. Coastal beaches should not use shark netting anymore.

"If we can put a man on the moon, we can certainly determine a method to ensure that sharks and humans can peacefully coexist." (Text 2, lines 31-33). Shark netting ~~isn't~~ <sup>isn't</sup> the best method as it catches and kills more than just sharks. ~~It also catches~~ Fish, whales, ~~and~~ dolphins and many other sea creatures are suffering because of these nets. Also it ~~says~~ <sup>states</sup> in text 1 "the nets are not intended to form a complete barrier, and sharks can still get through... not only do nets kill protected marine species, they don't guarantee protection for swimmers either" (lines 17 and 32-33). This is important because ~~the~~ these nets are killing off other species. They're also not doing their main job of protecting humans, so what's the point of still using them? We can certainly find

more safer, sensible and efficient ways to deal with this.

Even though many people are frightened, and terrified by them, we need sharks on our planet. They do come with several benefits that help us as well as the sea life. "Sharks are a critical component in an ecosystem that controls our planets temperature and weather, provides  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the world with food, and generates more oxygen than all the rainforests combined" (Text 2, lines 24-26). In other words sharks, just like every other living creature, have a purpose on this planet. Killing them in their own domain underwater may prevent a couple of shark-bites, but it would cause losses in several other things.

Although some people say we should get ~~rid~~ rid of the nets others disagree. Shark nets have killed several sharks, and prevented many human deaths keeping the beaches a safe place. In text 1 it says "since their introduction in 1936, not 1 fatal shark attack has been recorded at beaches where nets have been installed... the majestic but terrifying Great White Shark is regularly caught in shark nets in significant numbers" (lines 2-3 and 6). Although the nets are successful in their target of killing sharks they are not the best method. There are

several other ways we can block sharks from the beaches without killing them off. ~~With~~ we have increased and become more advanced in technology and knowlege and there is nothing stopping us from coming up with a ~~if~~ better, less bloody ways to handle this situation. Also "elimination of sharks caused disastrous effects including the collapse of fisheries and the death of coral reefs". Do we really want to damage our underwater environment and endanger another species?

People see sharks in a more negative view than positive. Sharks do have several benefits and uses and cruelly eliminating them in the ocean is a horrible way to deal with the situation. Not only is the method of netting 100% efficient to keep sharks at, but it also doesn't <sup>exact</sup> our safety during our time spent on coastal beaches. None of us want dolphins and whales dying in these nets, why should sharks be aney exception?

### Anchor Level 3–A

The essay introduces a precise claim, as directed by the task (*sharks are living organisms as well that should not be killed in their own domain. Coastal beaches should not use shark netting anymore*). The essay demonstrates appropriate and accurate analysis of the texts, as necessary to support the claim (*Shark netting isn't the best method as it catches and kills more than just sharks* and *In other words sharks, just like every other living creature, have a purpose on this planet*) and to distinguish the claim from alternate or opposing claims (*Although some people say we should get rid of the nets others disagree* and *Although the nets are successful in their target of killing sharks they are not the best method*). The essay presents ideas briefly, making use of some specific and relevant evidence to support analysis (*Fish, whales, dolphins and many other sea creatures are suffering because of these nets* and *They do come with several benefits ... "Sharks are a critical component in an ecosystem that controls our planets temperature and weather, provides 1/3 of the world with food, and generates more oxygen than all the rain forests combined"*). The essay demonstrates proper citation of sources to avoid plagiarism when dealing with direct quotes and paraphrased material [(*Text 2, lines 31-33*) and *it states in text 1 ... (lines 17 and 32-33)*]. The essay exhibits acceptable organization of ideas and information to create a coherent essay, with an opening paragraph that introduces the claim, followed by two body paragraphs of supporting detail, one paragraph that addresses the counterclaim (*Shark nets have ... prevented many human deaths keeping the beaches a safe place*) and ending with a paragraph that reiterates the claim (*None of us want dolphins and whales dying in these nets, why should sharks be any exception?*). The essay establishes but fails to maintain a formal style, using primarily basic language and structure (*Killing them in their own domain ... would cause losses in several other things*). The essay demonstrates partial control of conventions, exhibiting occasional errors (*its; more safer; efficient; nets others; sharks, and; says "since; knowlege; a ... ways; cruely; nets, why*) that do not hinder comprehension. The essay addresses fewer texts than required by the task and can be scored no higher than a 3.

In recent years beaches near major Coasts/Oceans have put mesh nets up to protect swimmers of possible shark bites. But the question now is whether or not these nets should stay. In a personal opinion I think they should be removed. In text 2 it says that "Even there, (Volusia County, Florida the shark capital) the risk of shark bites <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ so low that many more stitches are administered to "shell and glass lacerations." So, if they removed the shark nets there is still a low chance of someone being bitten by a shark. If the shark net stay it will hurt the population of sharks and it will also cause difficulties in the marine food chain (Text 3). The only logical solution is to remove the shark nets to protect the shark population and keep the marine food chain intact also it will still have the same low risk of someone being bitten.

I do see why people want to have shark nets up, but they don't see what harm they are causing. People want the nets up so they can feel safe while at the beach. Organizations like the WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature, Text 1) want the nets removed because populations of sharks are going down because sharks can die if they get caught in the nets. And if the population of sharks goes down any further sharks

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**Anchor Paper – Part 2 – Level 3 – B**

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may go extinct, and that will affect the  
marine food chain in a drastic way.  
So, in the end I feel like shark  
nets should be removed from coastal beaches to  
save sharks and keep the marine food chain  
intact.

**Anchor Level 3–B**

The essay introduces a reasonable claim, as directed by the task (*But the question now is whether or not these nets should stay. In a personal opinion I think they should be removed*). The essay demonstrates some analysis of the texts (*The only logical solution is to remove the shark nets to protect the shark population and keep the marine food chain in tact*), but insufficiently distinguishes the claim from alternate or opposing claims (*People want the nets up so they can feel safe while at the beach*). The essay presents ideas briefly, making use of some specific and relevant evidence to support analysis (*populations of sharks are going down because sharks can die if they get caught in the nets. And if the population of sharks goes down any further sharks may go extinct, and that will affect the marine food chain in a drastic way*). The essay demonstrates inconsistent citation of sources to avoid plagiarism when dealing with direct quotes and paraphrased material by leaving out line numbers [*In text 2 and (World Wide Fund For Nature, Text 1)*]. The essay uses only two texts, incorrectly citing some information as coming from Text 3. The essay exhibits some organization of ideas and information to create a mostly coherent essay, by first introducing the claim, followed by a second paragraph of support (*there is still a low chance of someone being bitten by a shark*), a third paragraph which addresses the counterclaim, and concluding with a one-sentence reiteration of the claim (*So, in the end I feel like shark nets should be removed ... to save sharks*). The essay establishes but fails to maintain a formal style, using primarily basic language and structure (*also it will still have the same low risk of someone being bitten*). The essay demonstrates emerging control of conventions, exhibiting occasional errors (*Put, swimmers of, laserations, shark net stay it, in tact also it, further sharks*) that hinder comprehension.

People have debated whether or not coastal beaching should be putting sharks nets in the sea. People have said this is a bad idea b/c of the negativity the nets have caused. But nets are a good thing since they have brought positivity to the beaches. Coastal beaching should be putting shark net and shouldn't be banned.

Coastal beaches should be allowed to use shark nets b/c it saves lives. According to text 1 it states "For over 70 years, shark nets have been protecting Australian swimmers from a death almost too awful to contemplate. Since their introduction in 1936, not one fatal shark attack has been recorded at beaches where nets have been installed." This shows when shark nets were installed, there were no fatal attacks from sharks that harmed humans. This also can be viewed why sharks nets should be used by coastal beaches since it can help many lives not get killed by sharks. That's why coastal beaches should be allowed to use shark nets. People never get bit then.

Another fact that coastal beaches should be allowed to use shark net is because it can reduce bites from sharks. According to text 4 it states "The most controversial

aspect of shark-net programs is whether it has been scientifically proven that shark nets reduce shark bites." This proves that scientifically people can be safe from shark bites since the nets guard the humans. This connects that shark nets should be used by coastal beaches.

Some may refuse and would say nets shouldn't be used since sharks are getting killed. Between 500-700 yearly (Text 2), This show why some would objectify. I like sharks but if its me or him I say put up the net. They even caused a new surfing wave for the Sydney Olympics!

**Anchor Level 3-C**

The essay introduces a reasonable claim (*Coastal beaches should be allowed to use shark nets b/c it saves live*), as directed by the task. The essay demonstrates some analysis of the texts (*This shows when shark nets were installed, there were no fatal attacks from sharks that harmed humans*), but insufficiently distinguishes the claim from alternate or opposing claims (*Some may refuse and would say nets shouldn't be used since sharks are getting killed*). The essay presents ideas inconsistently and inaccurately, in an attempt to support analysis, making use of some evidence that may be irrelevant (*People never get bit then. Another fact that coastal beaches should be allowed to use shark net is because it can reduce bites and They even caused a new surfing wave for the Sydney Olympics!*). The essay demonstrates inconsistent citation of sources to avoid plagiarism when dealing with direct quotes and paraphrased material (*text 1 and text 4*), omitting line numbers and failing to identify the source of the final sentence. The essay exhibits some organization of ideas and information to create a mostly coherent essay, first introducing both sides of the debate leading to the claim, followed by two paragraphs of support and one that briefly addresses a counterclaim, and concluding with a personal and irrelevant commentary. The essay lacks a formal style, using some language that is inappropriate (*I say put up the net*) or imprecise (*b/c, can be viewed why sharks nets should be used, it can help many lives not get killed by sharks, This show why some would objectify*). The essay demonstrates emerging control of conventions, exhibiting occasional errors (*sharks nets, positivty, saves live, states "For, to awful, its*) that hinder comprehension.



Beaches should use shark netting. The beaches should be aware whether or not they have sharks around. People who liking going to the beach should feel safe in what ever part of the water they want to be in.

Beaches should look out for their people who insist so much. They are always little kids around. Without shark net they wouldn't know what is the farthest they could go. Many people have a huge fear of shark and it's crazy how some beaches don't have shark net. A shark can come and kill you and it would be over for you. For example Tex + 3 states ~~are not~~

"297 tiger shark were captured in 2015" That show that there is still shark around. That can kill many people. You need shark net to let the people know that there are shark around and they could hurt you.

How if you go to the beach with your family and a shark takes one of you guys how are you going to feel? Harsh right because

the beach you went to didn't have net to stop you from going any farther. You need to protect your self but how would you know what area are the Shark Area if their no net. Text 2 " 500-700 shark yearly only a little percentage of shark are killed" A shark is so much of a dangerous animal that they should kill it.

I believe a ~~life~~ human life is worth more than a shark life there for all beaches should have netting around the Shark area also they should have aware signs up.

Anchor Level 2–A

The essay introduces a reasonable claim, as directed by the task (*Beaches should use shark netting because People ... should feel safe in ... the water*). The essay demonstrates a confused and unclear analysis of the texts (*Beaches should look out for their people who invist so much* and *Without shark net they wouldn't know what is the farrest they could go*), failing to distinguish the claim from alternate or opposing claims. The essay presents ideas inconsistently and inaccurately, in an attempt to support analysis (*Text 2 "500-700 shark yearly only a little percentege of shark are killed" A shark is so much of a dangerous animal that they should kill it*), making use of some evidence that may be irrelevant (*How if you go to the beach ... and a shark takes one of you guys how are you going to feel?*). The essay demonstrates little use of citations to avoid plagiarism when dealing with direct quotes and paraphrased material (*text 3 states* and *Text 2 "500"*). The essay exhibits some organization of ideas and information to create a mostly coherent essay, first presenting a claim, followed by two paragraphs to support the need for shark nets, concluding with a restatement of the claim that is weakened by the inclusion of a new idea (*also they should have aware signs up*). The essay lacks a formal style, using some language that is inappropriate (*It's crazy, you guys* and *Harsh right*) and imprecise (*weather or not, People who liking going, their* for "there", *then* for "than"). The essay demonstrates a lack of control of conventions, exhibiting frequent errors (*invist, much They are, farrest, fear of shark, kill you and it, For example text 3 states, That show that, your self, there for all, area also*) that make comprehension difficult.

Coastal beaches shouldn't use shark netting, its many reasons why Coastal beaches shouldn't use shark netting but one of the most important are that those net are not just keeping sharks away from people they also causing several damages on them and killing many others species of marine live that help to keep the environment safe and ~~at~~ <sup>with out</sup> ~~some~~ of them ~~can~~ ~~cause~~ the environment can disappear causing a severe damage in our beaches (tex 1 line 38 to 40). And also the number of sharks has decreased in ~~the~~ a few years ago because people are hunting them so this mean that shark are not the principal problem, also shark are animal that will never attack humans well something this happen but is because they confuse humans with their natural prey so but the point is that many sharks are getting killed and this is also causing that some species are getting extint (tex 2 line 9 to 14)

## Anchor Level 2-B

The essay introduces a claim (*Coastal beaches shouldn't use shark netting*). The essay demonstrates a confused and unclear analysis of the texts (*those net are not just keeping sharks away from people they also causing several damages on them*), failing to distinguish the claim from alternate or opposing claims. The essay presents ideas inconsistently and inaccurately (*the number of sharks has decreased in a few years ago because people are hunting them so this mean that shark are not the principal problem, also shark are animal that will never attack humans well something this happen*) in an attempt to support analysis. The essay demonstrates inconsistent use of citations to avoid plagiarism when dealing with direct quotes and paraphrased material, citing from two texts correctly [(*tex 1 line 38 to 40*) and (*tex 2 line 9 to 14*)] but failing to cite a reference from Text 3. The essay exhibits inconsistent organization of ideas and information, failing to create a coherent essay, presenting a series of loosely connected ideas, shifting from information about the *severe damage* caused by shark nets to the decreased shark population due to hunting, then moving to relative dangers of sharks to humans and ending with a statement about shark extinction. The essay lacks a formal style, using some language that is imprecise (*they also causing several damages on them, of marine live, in a few years ago, something this happen but is because*). The essay demonstrates a lack of control of conventions, exhibiting frequent errors (*netting, Its many reasons; netting but; one ... are; those net; people they; others spicies; with out; desapare; this mean; problem, also; shark are animal; extint*) that make comprehension difficult.

Peopl argue about shark net sometimes becuse ~~the~~ killing turtles & spesces ~~that~~ also with nets "death rate for sharks fell to 8" (text A) for Australia. Africa is beter then U.S. usaly for ~~the~~ less shark biting. I belive no shark attack good and "200 metres along beach" mesh save peopl. Educaton also argue by peopl who saw jaws. It scare them and isnt fair to hate shark becuse of movie. ~~the~~ Good/bad shark nets desion up to you! Text 3 say "shark fishing industry is taking 1200 tonne of shark out of our varous fisharies so their other reasons shark kiled but nets somtimes to. A lot of peopl fear sharks, Text show both side and big debate from 1972.

**Anchor Level 2-C**

The essay does not introduce a claim (*Good/bad shark nets desion up to you*). The essay demonstrates a confused and unclear analysis of the texts (*Educaton also argue by peopl who saw jaws* and *Text show both side and big debate from 1972*), failing to distinguish the claim from alternate or opposing claims. The essay presents ideas inconsistently and inaccurately, in an attempt to support analysis (*Peopl argue about shark net sometimes becuse kiling turtles & spesces also with nets "death rate for sharks fell to 8" (text A) for Autralia*), making use of some evidence that may be irrelevant (*Africa is beter then U.S. usaly for less shark biting*). The essay demonstrates little use of citations to avoid plagiarism when dealing with direct quotes and paraphrased material (*text A* and *Text show*). The essay exhibits inconsistent organization of ideas and information, failing to create a coherent essay, by presenting a single paragraph of brief, loosely connected statements that shift from topic to topic, ending with a vague reference to a *Text* that *show both side and big debate from 1972*. The essay lacks a formal style, using some language that is imprecise (*then* for "than", *no shark attack good*, *Educaton also argue by peopl*, *to hate shark becuse of movie*, *their* for "there", *to* for "too"). The essay demonstrates a lack of control, exhibiting frequent errors (*Peopl*; *becuse kiling turtles*; & *spesces*; *It scare*; *isnt*; *say "shark"*; *fisharies so*; *shark kiled*; *sharks*, *Text show both side*) that make comprehension difficult.

Coastal beaches should use shark netting because if we did, sharknado would never happen. Sharknado was a tornado made of sharks which killed many in the 3 movies, so if we had netting this tragedy would have been prevented.

**Anchor Level 1–A**

The essay introduces a claim (*Coastal beaches should use shark netting*), but does not demonstrate analysis of the texts. The essay presents no evidence from the texts and does not make use of citations. The essay exhibits little organization of ideas and information, failing to create a coherent essay, consisting of a single paragraph that leads with a claim, followed by comments about *Sharknado*, and concluding with *if we had netting this tragedy would have been prevented*. The essay lacks a formal style, using some language that is imprecise (*Sharknado was a tornado made of sharks which killed many in the 3 movies*). The essay demonstrates partial control, exhibiting occasional errors (*coastal, Sharknado, tragedy*) that do not hinder comprehension. The essay is a personal response, making no reference to the texts, and can be scored no higher than a 1.

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**Anchor Paper – Part 2 – Level 1 – B**

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Shark nets should not have been made  
they only make them to harm them

**Anchor Level 1–B**

The essay introduces a claim (*Shark nets should not have been made*), but does not demonstrate analysis of the texts. The essay presents no evidence from the texts and does not make use of citations. The essay exhibits little organization of ideas and information, consisting of one sentence that states a claim and then adds *they only make them to harm them*. The essay is minimal, making assessment of language and conventions unreliable.

Shark nets have been implemented around the globe on beaches as a way to decrease or eliminate fatal shark attacks. Throughout the years, these nets have proven to be effective ~~the~~ methods of eliminating the threat of sharks on coastal beaches. Where some argue that the nets are unsafe, facts show that little to no animals are killed by the nets.

Shark nets are a good way to reduce shark attacks on coastal beaches while still being capable of maintaining the wildlife in a safe manner. For example, "In Dunedin, New Zealand, between 1964 and 1968, three fatal great white shark attacks occurred off a series of local beaches. Local authorities took a look at the NSW meshing program, and nets were laid off those beaches, nobody has since been attacked in the area while the nets were set." (Text 3, lines 27-30). This shows that the nets are effective at protecting the lives of people on the beach. In the case of these nets, some are worried that they pose a threat to nature, but if research was done those people would see otherwise. For example, "In Queensland in 2015, the bycatch included one bottlenose and seven common dolphins (one released alive), 11 catfish, eight cow-nose rays, nine eagle rays, 13 loggerhead turtles, five manta rays (all but one survived), eight shovel-nose rays, three toadfish, four turps, and a white spotted eagle, which was safely released" (Text 3 lines 37-41). This example clearly shows that most animals are released from the nets unharmed, while still proving the nets to be an effective method of stopping shark attacks.

Furthermore, in many areas the nets have

been introduced, the attacks have been severely reduced or even stopped completely. For instance, "The New South Wales government reports that since the NSW Shark meshing program was put in place in Sydney in 1937, there ~~was~~ has only been one fatal attack on the meshed beach" (Text 4 lines 23-25). This shows how dramatically effective the nets are, showing that in nearly 100 years only one person has died from an attack. One scientist says "The frightening reality is, like them or not, we need sharks on this planet. Remove the apex predators from the oceans and we are tampering with elements essential for our survival" (Text 2 lines 21-22). While this quote is true, very few sharks die due to the netting, most<sup>are</sup> caused by commercial fishing. Ultimately, the nets are a successful method of stopping shark attacks on coastal beaches and should continue to be implemented.

In conclusion, shark nets have been introduced around the world on beaches as a way to lower the risk of fatal shark attacks. Throughout the years, these nets have proven over and over to do their job, and should continue to be implemented around the world, every year increasing safety of beaches and decreasing attacks.



Coastal beaches should use shark nets because it says in the the second story in text 15 that they put them up because of all the shark attacking the people and now in story number one text one in 70 year there has been no attack at all so by that reason the shark nets are working but they also be getting whales, dolphins, and other big animals but for small fish they don't get hurt. After they pull up the fish (sharks) they put them in a fish place where they save them so that when they can be safe for the living lives. In story 4 text 5 it state that they find a injured water animal and then after they find them up they bring them back with them and let them heal before going back to the sea. Shark nets help in there ways and they there still use it the people can go in the ocean or lake again. The sharks nets are made to keep them out of the way when the people are in the water.

Coastal beaches should not use shark netting because they aren't very successful at serving their purpose. Shark netting is designed in a way that still allows sharks to pass through, and to catch other species of marine life that could be suffering extinction.

Shark nets ~~are~~ should not be used on coastal beaches because of how unsuccessful they are at stopping sharks from reaching ~~the~~ the shore. The nets do not stretch across the entirety of the beach, and do not cover from the top of the sea level to the bottom. As stated in text 1, lines 17-19, "The nets are not intended to form a complete barrier, and sharks can still get through. The Queensland Shark Control Program uses another technique in addition to nets... to catch sharks." This information demonstrates the inefficiency of the use of nets because they don't completely prevent sharks from being in an area to attack humans. That is why beaches use other techniques in addition to the nets in order to prevent the sharks from reaching the coastline. Text 4, lines 15-17, further proves this point as it states that "A study of a similar shark-net program in South Africa found that thirty-five percent of the catch was on the shoreward side of the nets". Just over one third of the sharks caught ~~had~~ ~~had~~ had made it to the shore-side of the nets first then got trapped going away from it. This ~~abundance~~ abundance of sharks could have easily attacked swimmers & surfers in the ocean as they were able to avoid the archaic system of shark-netting. This study also does not account for the sharks

that were able to get passed the nets ~~and~~ toward the shore, and back out to sea which could even raise the number of sharks on the shore-side by more.

Another reason for the need to get rid of the shark netting system is that it removes too many sharks from the ecosystem which tampers with the entire earth. Food chains rely on a stable amount of organisms from each species within it. Changing this could have extreme tolls on the environment. Text 2, lines 21-27, say "The frightening reality is ... we need sharks on this planet. Remove these apex predators from the oceans, and we are tampering with elements essential to our survival... Sharks are a critical component in an ecosystem that controls our planet's temperature & weather, provides 1/3 of the world with food, and generates more oxygen than all the rainforests combined". The use of shark nets, when successful, jeopardizes the decrease in a species that dominates the oceans. Without them, extreme outcomes such as a loss of oxygen in the air, loss of seafood, and powerful storms could take place.

Although shark attack rates decreased after shark netting was implemented, the decrease could have resulted from the numerous other technologies that prevent sharks from reaching the shore. As text 2, lines 28-31 say, "There are many other options to the archaic practice of killing sharks with nets & drumlins, many of which have been implemented successfully in other locations... Other methods ~~of~~ harmless deterrents such as electrical current, alloys, and chemicals are also being developed". Knowing this, it is difficult to assess how important the nets are to the decrease in attacks because of the use of other shark barriers ~~and~~ along with it.

In Conclusion, the use of shark nets are dangerous to the environment while still leaving the shores vulnerable to shark attacks. The removal of this animal from its ecosystem could have extreme negative effects on the planet. Furthermore, the nets have a tendency to capture other animals from the ocean such as whales, dolphins, and rays whom may be suffering from extinction. Overall, coastal beaches should **not** use shark netting.

I believe that Shark netting should be implemented, along with education on the matter.

Shark nets can protect those in the water from possibly deadly attacks from sharks "nobody has sense been attacked in an area where the nets were sent" (text 3)

This shows that nets have prevented casualties from shark attacks

Those who don't support shark nets state that there are "viable alternatives to shark nets" (text 2) but these alternatives aren't effective nor developed enough to prevent shark attacks

Although netting is necessary another effective solution is education, "Public education is still the best method of protecting oceangoers and marine animals" (text 4) with a technological end all solution years off the most effective method is public education

One of the most ~~debated~~<sup>debated</sup> issues facing us today is whether or not beaches should be protected by shark deterrents such as nets. Shark nets should not be installed on beaches because not only sharks but other ocean species get caught in the net and die. Also ~~the chances of getting bitten by a shark~~<sup>the chances of getting bitten by a shark</sup> are very low that most ocean goers do not think ~~about it~~<sup>about it</sup>. Shark nets should not be installed on beaches.

However some people do believe that protective nets are helpful and reduce the risk of getting a fatal injury from a shark. "Some researchers who have worked for government shark-meshing programs over a long period ~~whole-~~<sup>whole-</sup>heartedly believe that they do" (Text 4 lines 19-21). Shark nets may indeed reduce getting a fatal injury from a shark but the risk of getting bitten by a shark is very miniscule. "And, there have never been nets in the U.S., including in the 'shark bite capital' of the world, Volusia County, Florida. Even there the risk of shark bite is so low that many more stitches are administered as the result of shell and glass lacerations than shark bites..." (Text 2 lines 5-8). If the risk of getting bitten by a shark is low in the

"shark bite capital" of the world, then the shark nets are not needed.

Shark nets harm and often kill other ocean species as a result of being installed on beaches. "Protected species such as whales, dolphins and manta rays also get trapped in these nets" (Text 1 line 6). Also, "in May 2001, a humpback whale calf became entangled in the nets off the Gold Coast and died while its 20 plus tonne mother looked on" (Text 1 lines 40-41). ~~As~~ As a result of these nets being installed, these nets have harmed too many ocean species for them to still be in use.

Humans need to develop a new method to keep the sharks at a safe distance and keep the ocean species unharmed. This new method is needed because sharks are essential to our planet. "Remove the apex predators from the oceans, and we are tampering with elements essential to our survival" (Text 2 lines 21 and 22). We need sharks on our planet which is why a new method of keeping the sharks at a safe distance without harming the animal ~~is~~ is needed.

All in all, the beaches that have shark nets installed need to remove them. Beaches

that do not have these nets installed should not install them. For the reasons being that the risk of getting a shark bite is very low and many species of ocean wildlife often get trapped in these nets and die. Researchers and scientists need to work together to end this practice because it is deadly to ocean wildlife. ~~and~~ We need sharks on this planet, so a safe solution is needed.



**Practice Paper A – Score Level 4**

Holistically, this essay best fits the criteria for Level 4.

**Practice Paper B – Score Level 2**

Holistically, this essay best fits the criteria for Level 2.

**Practice Paper C – Score Level 5**

Holistically, this essay best fits the criteria for Level 5.

**Practice Paper D – Score Level 3**

Holistically, this essay best fits the criteria for Level 3.

**Practice Paper E – Score Level 4**

Holistically, this essay best fits the criteria for Level 4.