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Terror from Below!

A whale slowly swims in the ocean. It rises to the water's surface to breathe. The huge creature does not know it is about to take its last breath.

From deep below the whale, an attack is coming. A giant hunter, the size of a bus, speeds upward through the water. With a single bite, the hunter tears off one of the whale's fins. Now the terrified whale cannot swim. It can only wait for the next terrible bite and then death.

The whale's giant attacker is a shark. It is the largest, most powerful shark that ever lived.

Megalodon!



A Prehistoric Predator

Megalodon was a gigantic prehistoric shark. It lived and hunted in oceans all over the world.

Megalodon was not the only type of prehistoric shark. There have been sharks on Earth for more than 400 million years. No other type of shark has ever grown as large as Megalodon, though.

Megalodon first appeared on Earth about 16 million years ago. It died out about 2 million years ago. So if Megalodon is **extinct**, how do we know this enormous **predator** ever existed?



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In a prehistoric ocean, a huge predator is searching for food. It is hungry and ready to kill. Its powerful body is longer than a bus. Its enormous jaws can swallow a great white shark whole. The giant hunter is Megalodon, the largest shark that ever lived!

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