

Mary Anning's Diary

2 Dear diary,

12 As I walked down the beach in Dorset with my
20 brother Joe, something odd caught his eye. When
30 we looked closer, we could see it was a skull
40 sticking out of a rock. I got my hammer and
49 started to chip away at the rock until we
57 uncovered a skeleton. It looked like a crocodile
68 but I later found out that we had found the very
79 first fossil of a dinosaur that lived in the sea. I
88 am going to go fossil hunting every day now
99 with my dog, Tray. I cannot wait to see what I
101 will find.

104 Love from Mary.



Quick Questions



1. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- Mary got her hammer.
- Mary and Joe walked down the beach.
- They uncovered a skeleton.



2. What do you think Mary and Joe did with the fossil?



3. Why might Mary be excited to find more fossils?



4. What was Mary's dog called?

Superhero Times

4 BREAKING NEWS: This morning
10 the people of Hotham City are
15 waking to the shocking news
20 that the baddy, Captain Zeeborg
25 has finally been defeated. After
32 he has bullied the city for years,
39 this news will come as a huge
42 relief to many.



51 A witness confirmed that after an all-night standoff
58 between Captain Zeeborg and a small, unknown
67 superhero with green hair, he has finally been banished
70 from the city.

78 Two other superheroes, Muscle Man and Zoom Boy,
88 were found tied up in the captain's hideout. They were
90 both unharmed.

97 Who could the green-haired hero be?

Quick Questions



1. Why will the people of Hotham City be relieved?



2. Can you find a word in the text that means the same as 'den' or 'lair'?



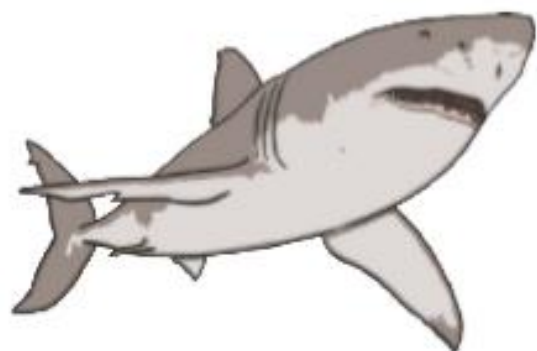
3. What do you think happened to Muscle Man and Zoom Boy?



4. How is the superhero who defeated Captain Zeeborg described?

The Great White Shark

11 Great white sharks are the top of the ocean's food chain.
22 They are the biggest fish on our planet which eat other
32 fish and animals. They are known to live between thirty
45 and one hundred years old and can be found in all of the
55 world's oceans, but they are mostly found in cool water
59 close to the coast.
69 Even though they are mostly grey, they get their name
78 from their white underbelly. The great white shark has
89 been known to grow up to six metres long and have
99 up to three hundred sharp teeth, in seven rows. Their
109 amazing sense of smell allows them to hunt for prey,
119 such as seals, rays and small whales from miles away.



Quick Questions



1. Why do you think that the great white shark is at the top of the ocean's food chain?



2. Where are most great white sharks found?



3. Find and copy the adjective that the author uses to describe the shark's sense of smell.



4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- They live between thirty and one hundred years.
- They can grow up to six metres long.
- They have up to three hundred teeth.