

It is common to see shark fin soup in traditional Chinese banquets. Some people think that it is cruel to eat shark fins, while some think that they eat them with good reasons. What do you think?

For

- Some scientific research shows that shark fins are good for our skin. They have cosmetic uses as they are full of nutrients.
- Sharks are only a kind of sea animals. It is fair to eat shark fins because we eat other kinds of fish at the same time. Besides, smaller fish can live longer if there are fewer sharks.
- Shark fin soup is a traditional Chinese dish that represents wealth. We should follow the tradition.



A

Look at the conversations and guess who say these. Write 'A' for people on the 'Against' side and 'F' for people on the 'For' side.

1. 'Eating shark fin soup is part of the Chinese culture and we should follow it.'



2. 'I don't feel comfortable seeing sharks suffer from pain.'



3. 'I don't understand why people ban shark fin soup but not other fish dishes.'



4. 'Sharks are not able to swim without their fins.'

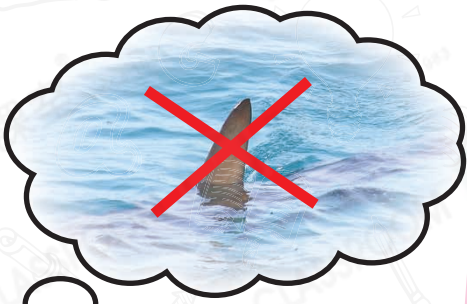


5. 'Just replace real shark fins with vegetarian ones. They are cheaper and more eco-friendly!'

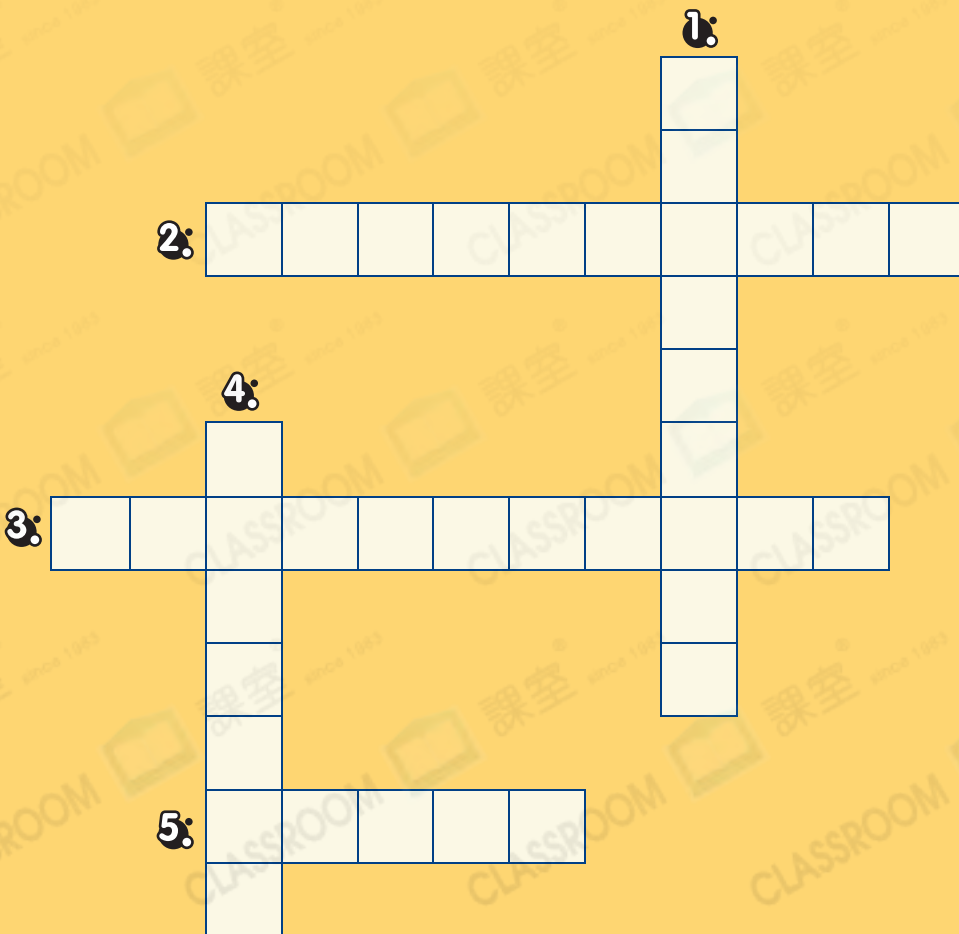


Against

- It is cruel to catch sharks for their fins and then throw them back into the sea. Sharks will suffer from pain and die of hunger as they can no longer swim.
- Shark hunting may lead to the extinction of sharks. It may even affect the balance of the ecosystem in the sea.
- The traditions of a culture may change over time. There are many traditional dishes that the Chinese no longer eat today. People can simply replace shark fins with other ingredients.



B Complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words from the text.



Hints:

- 1: Some people think shark fins are rich in _____.
- 2: Sharks are in danger of _____. We should stop hunting them.
- 3: Shark fin soup is a _____ dish in Chinese banquets.
- 4: Having fewer sharks in the sea may affect the _____ of marine lives.
- 5: It is _____ to see sharks struggling in the sea without their fins.