

Grammar in Real Life 3

Kenneth is writing his debate speech on an environmental issue. Complete the speech with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Be reminded that some of the answers are in the passive form.



Shark's fin soup should be banned

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. The topic of our debate is 'Should shark's fin soup **(1)** _____ (ban)?'. Our team believes that this answer **(2)** _____ (be) affirmative. As the first speaker, I will talk about how sharks **(3)** _____ (endanger) by the tradition of Chinese cuisine.

Chinese people usually offer **(4)** _____ (serve) shark's fin soup at weddings and banquets to give honour to guests. In order to get the fins, fishermen have to inhumanely **(5)** _____ (cut) the sharks' fins off and then toss the sharks back into the sea. However, the sharks, without fins to swim or hunt, will die eventually. According to World Wide Fund for Nature, more than 180 species of sharks **(6)** _____ (list) as endangered species in 2010. If this continues, more and more sharks **(7)** _____ (kill) or will even become extinct.

For many years, the shark's fin soup **(8)** _____ (welcome) by people in the Chinese culture. Many rich Chinese said that the soup **(9)** _____ (be) actually a face-saving gesture. Nowadays, however, more and more people have begun to change their mind. Many hotels and restaurants in Hong Kong have already stopped serving shark's fin soup. Most of them have promised **(10)** _____ (replace) the soup by other luxury dishes such as lobster soup.

In conclusion, we believe that shark's fin soup should **(11)** _____ (not serve) by restaurants as it is absolutely inhumane and against the environment. Thank you.