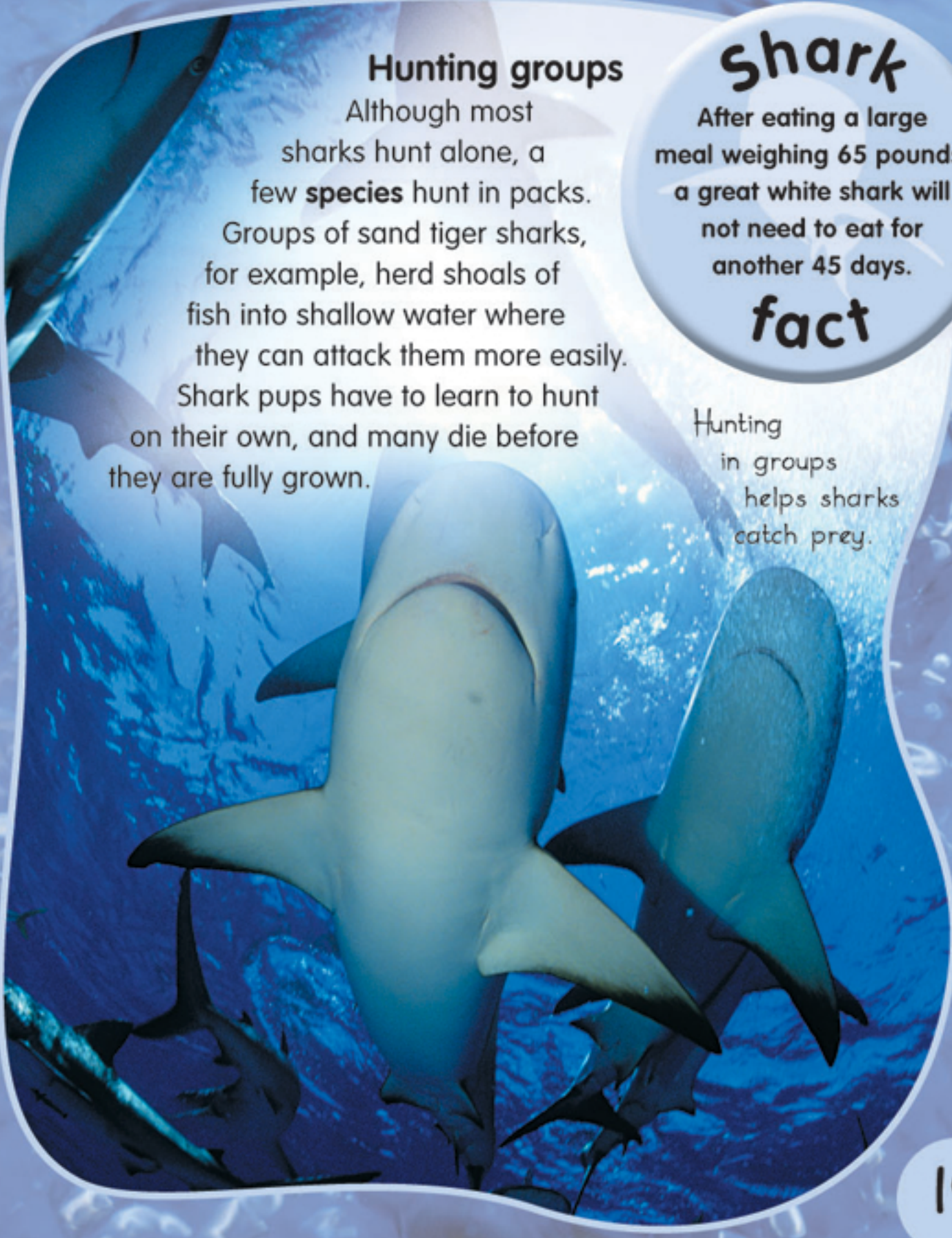


# Hunting

Sharks hunt in different ways and many attack their **prey** from below. The hungry shark lurks in the deep water where it cannot be seen. Then, when it spots its prey, the shark races after it at great speed, charging upwards out of the darkness of the deep.

When hunting, the thresher shark takes full advantage of its long, sturdy tail. Once it spots a shoal of fish, it uses its tail to herd the fish together. Next it stuns them with powerful slaps, again using its mighty tail.

*Some sharks lie in wait for their prey.*



## Hunting groups

Although most sharks hunt alone, a few **species** hunt in packs. Groups of sand tiger sharks, for example, herd shoals of fish into shallow water where they can attack them more easily. Shark pups have to learn to hunt on their own, and many die before they are fully grown.

## shark

After eating a large meal weighing 65 pounds, a great white shark will not need to eat for another 45 days.

## fact

Hunting in groups helps sharks catch prey.