

Lesson 38b: The tank houses 3,000 fish
レッスン 38b: 水槽には3000匹の魚がいます

Target: Having a conversation about aquariums
目的: 水族館について会話をしてみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• at one's own pace	自分のペースで
• each and every	ありとあらゆる
• (to) race around...	走り回る
• a whale shark	ジンベイザメ
• a grey nurse shark	テンジクザメ
• feeding time	餌の時間
• (to) hide	隠れる
• (to) come over	こちらにやって来る
• a region	地域

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Yesterday, I took my class on a field trip to the local aquarium and they had a really good time. It was very educational and they all learned a lot about marine life and the importance of conservation.

Anytime I go to the aquarium by myself I like to mosey around at my own pace and take my time looking at each and every exhibit. The kids however were a bit different. They raced around the aquarium as fast as they could. They only time they all stopped was when they saw the gargantuan central tank.

The central tank is amazing because it is completely transparent and it houses over 3,000 different kinds of fish. There are also two whale sharks in there. The kids had never seen a whale shark up close before and they just gazed at it while it swam past. They were all mesmerized for a good 10 minutes or so watching that whale shark. I found it pretty fascinating myself. Watching this giant fish swim through the crystal-clear water was amazing. Everyone was impressed with just how immense the whale shark was. One of the kids commented that it kind of looked like a flat oversized grey nurse shark. And I had to agree with him because he was right.

We all enjoyed the different shows they had during the day. They held a performance every two hours so we were able to see quite a few. Watching the seals do tricks was great fun. The kids also loved watching feeding time at the shark tank.

We saw lots of other interesting thing too. We saw a kelp forest. We saw lots of interesting and brightly colored tropical fish. We touched and played with the little creatures at the petting and tide pools. That was fun because some parts of the exhibits were see-through so the kids could see where some of the animals were hiding. The kids were especially happy when one of the guides came over and explained all about the different ecosystems in the ocean and what animals are indigenous to this region.

The aquarium was really world class and thanks to it and its wonderful staff I think the kids have a new appreciation for aquatic life. I recommend that you take your kids there as well someday.

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Answer the questions below

1. Was the trip to the aquarium educational?
2. When did the kids stop racing around the aquarium?
3. Why is the central tank amazing?
4. What was everyone impressed with?
5. How often did they hold a performance?
6. Where did they touch and play with little creatures?
7. What did the guide explain about?
8. What do the kids have a new appreciation for?

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