

Shark Encounter Claim Chart

Create a chart to post or display in the classroom.

My Shark Encounter Claim Chart

Question: Are there really more shark encounters now than in the past?

Claim #1	Claim #2	Claim #3
There are <u>more</u> white shark encounters now than in the past.	There are <u>fewer</u> white shark encounters now than in the past.	The number of white shark encounters today is the <u>same</u> as in the past.
Evidence for Claim #1	Evidence for Claim #2	Evidence for Claim #3
Reasoning	Reasoning	Reasoning
Information Needed to Strengthen this Explanation	Information Needed to Strengthen this Explanation	Information Needed to Strengthen this Explanation

☐ **Evidence:** Scientific data (records, observations, etc.) about the frequency of white shark encounters over time that support the claim.

☐ **Reasoning:** Learnings about white sharks' life history that provides a logical connection between the evidence and the claim and explains why the evidence supports the claim.