

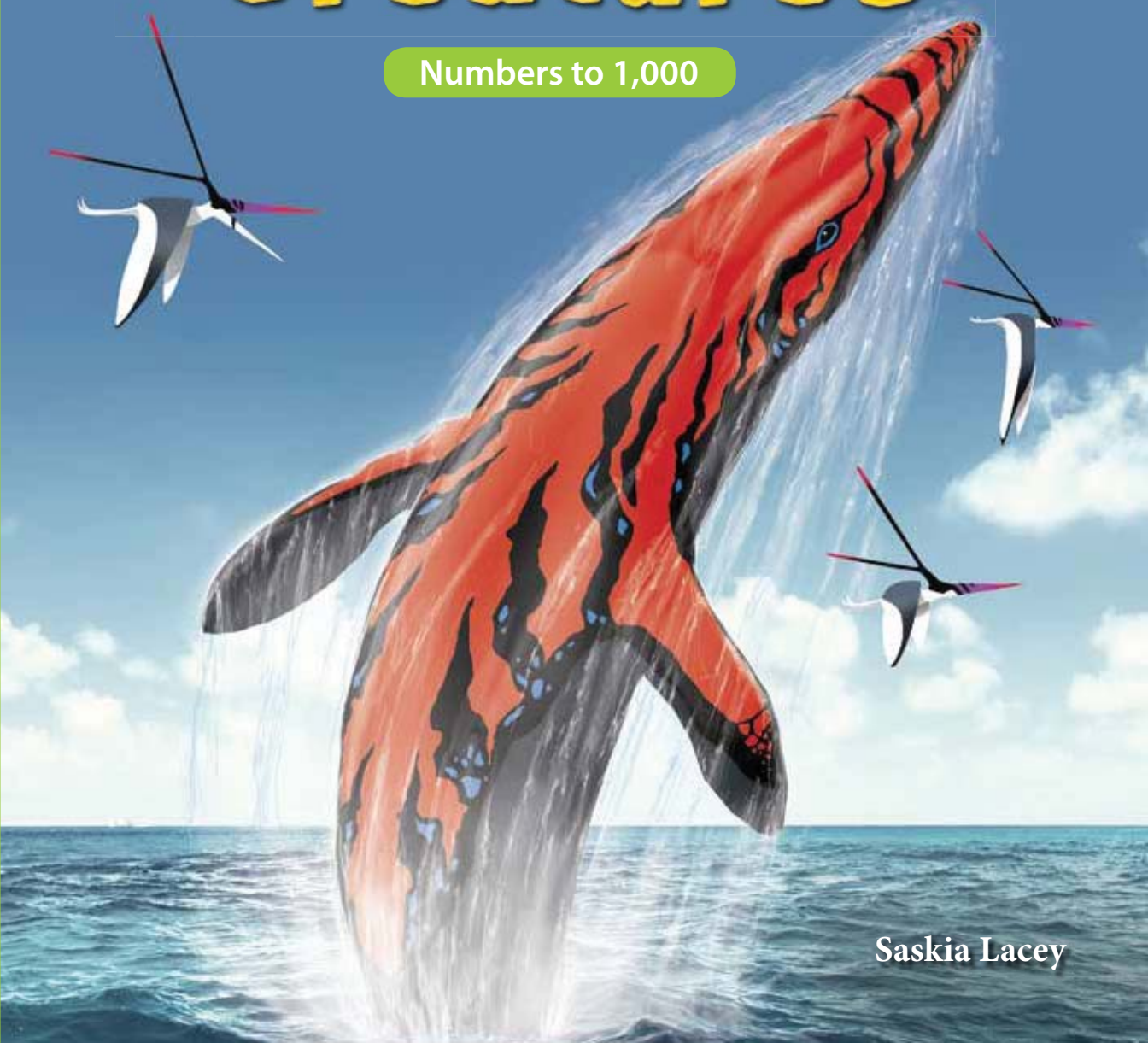


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Prehistoric Creatures

Numbers to 1,000



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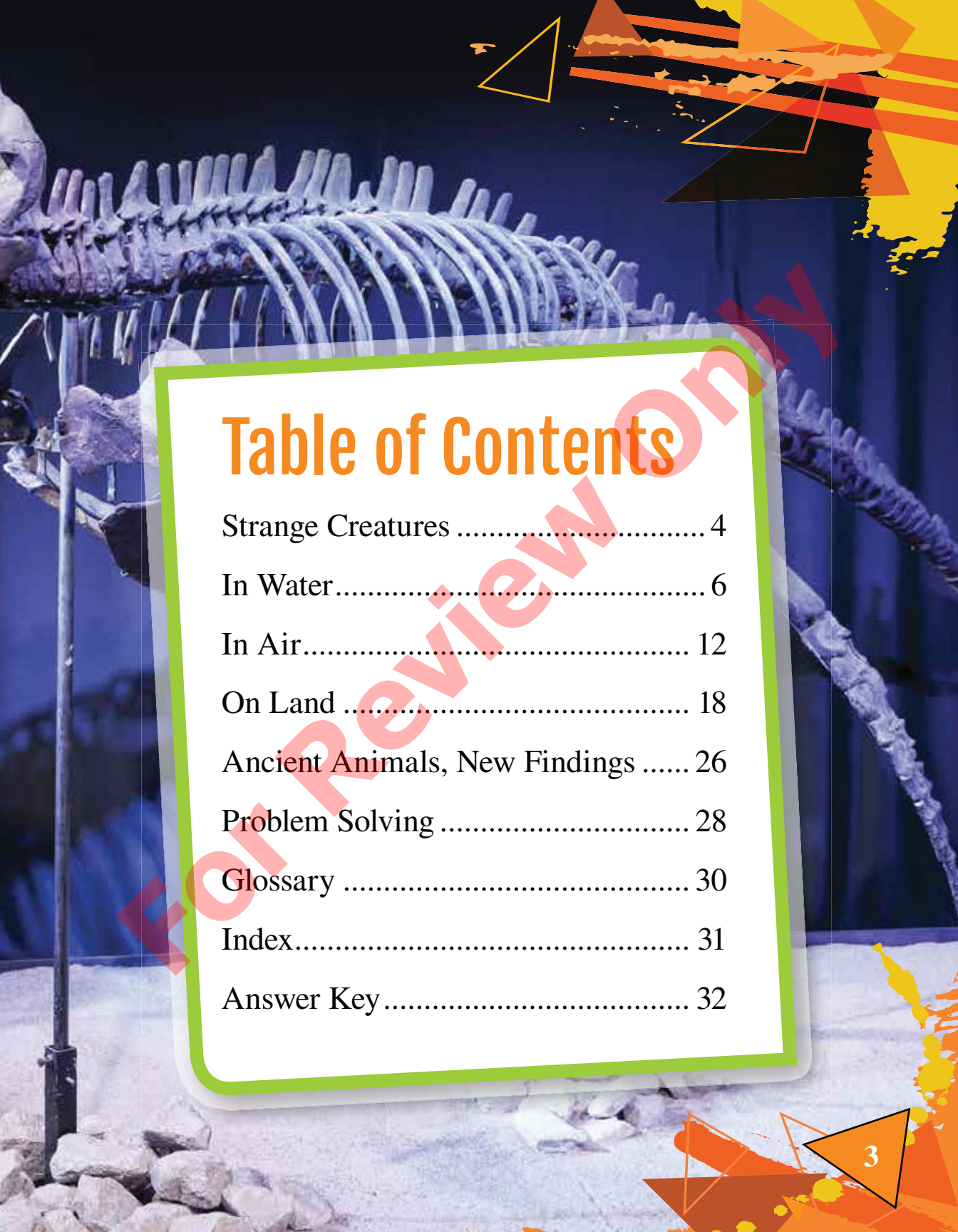


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Strange Creatures

You have probably heard of the T. rex. You may know about *Triceratops*. But could you spot *Titanoboa* (tih-tah-nuh-BOH-uh)? Long ago, strange animals roamed the earth. There were snakes as long as school buses. There were birds bigger than people. Does that sound too wild to be true? It's not! Welcome to the wonders of the **ancient** age.





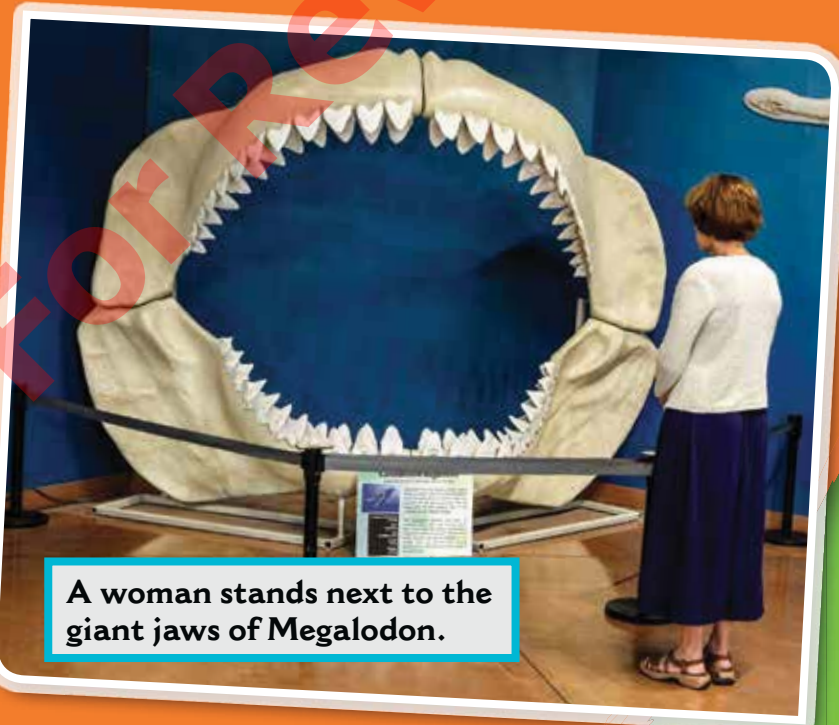
Titanoboa

In Water

Great creatures once swam Earth's waters. They were big and strong. Next to them, great white sharks would look tiny!

Megalodon

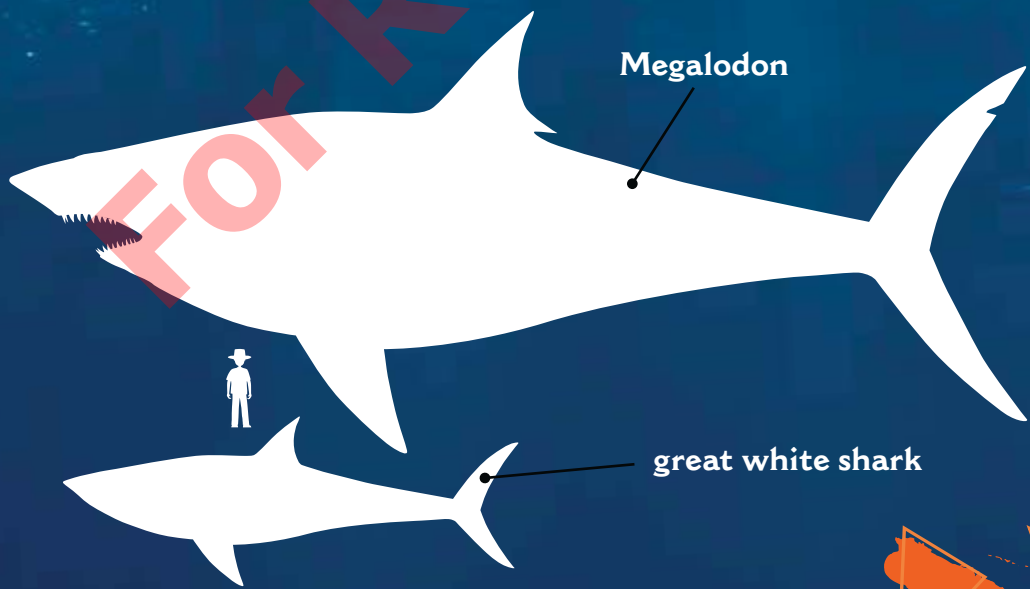
Megalodons (MAY-guh-luh-dawns) were a type of **prehistoric** shark. Every part of them was huge. They had giant jaws. They could grow up to 54 feet (17 meters) in length. Each tooth was 7 inches (18 centimeters) long. That is three times the size of a great white shark!



A woman stands next to the giant jaws of Megalodon.



Megalodon lived near the surface of the ocean.



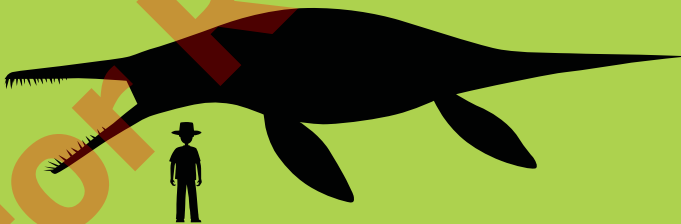
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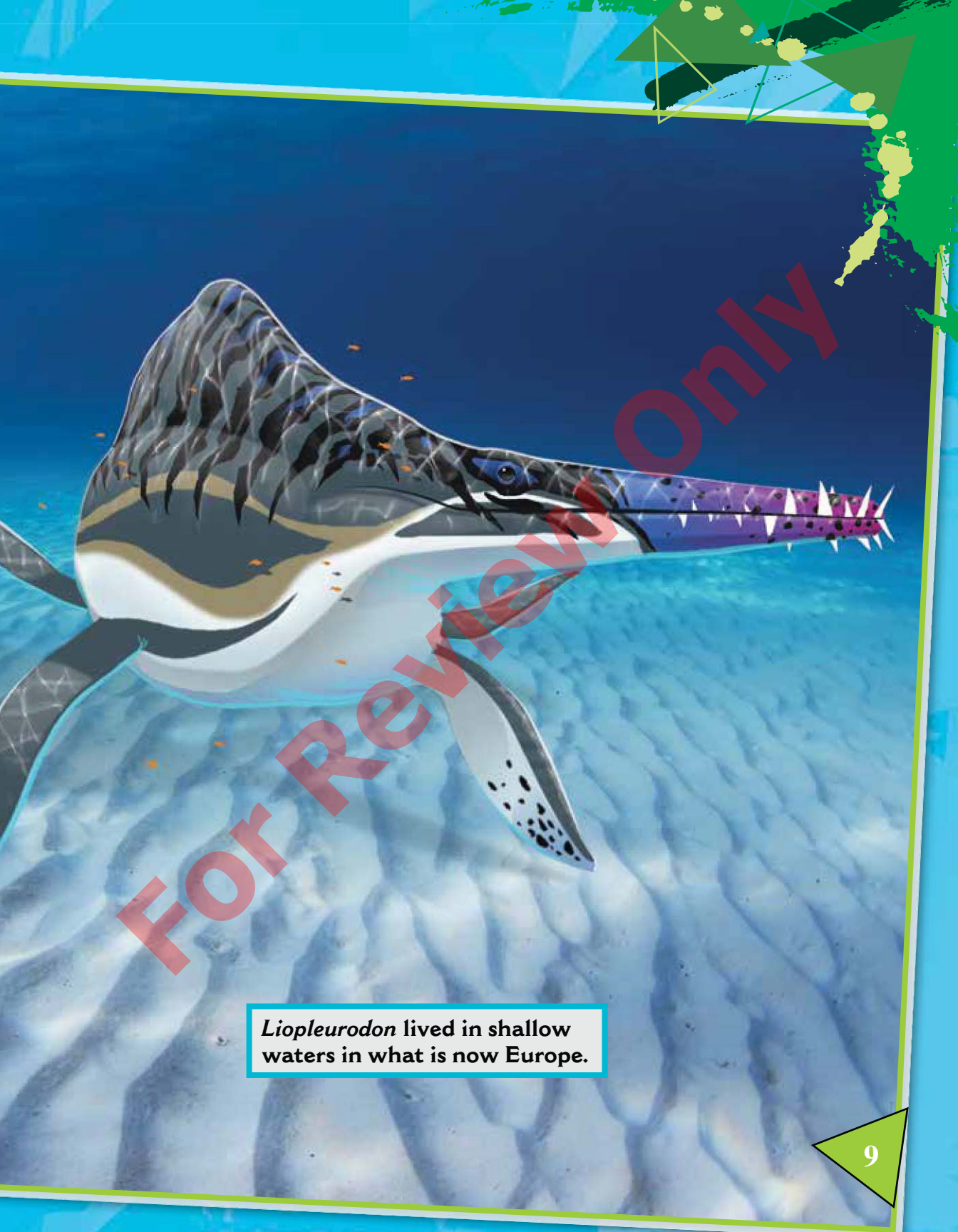
great white shark

Liopleurodon

Liopleurodon (lie-oh-PLOOR-oh-don) lived in the ocean, too. It had to come to the surface to breathe air. Picture seeing one pop out of the water!

Liopleurodon had four huge **flippers**. Most of the time, it swam slowly. But it could swim fast in short bursts to catch its food. It had a strong sense of smell, too. This helped it track **prey** from far away.





Liopleurodon lived in shallow waters in what is now Europe.

Math Talk

1. How do you know when there are enough ones to make a ten and enough tens to make a hundred?
2. How is 89 different from 98?
3. How can you use a place value chart to show what you know about a three-digit number?
4. Is it correct to write 435 as $4 + 3 + 5$? Why or why not?
5. Jessica reads the number 268 as two-six-eight. What advice would you give for her to read this number?
6. What do you think is the best way to draw a picture showing a three-digit number? Why?