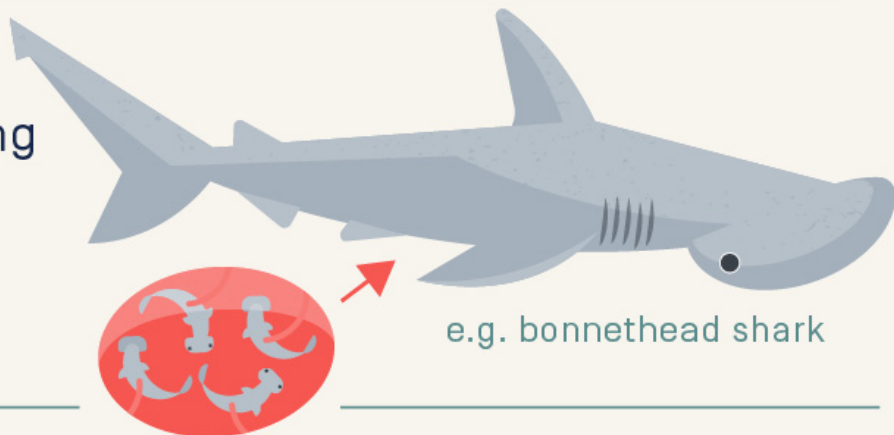


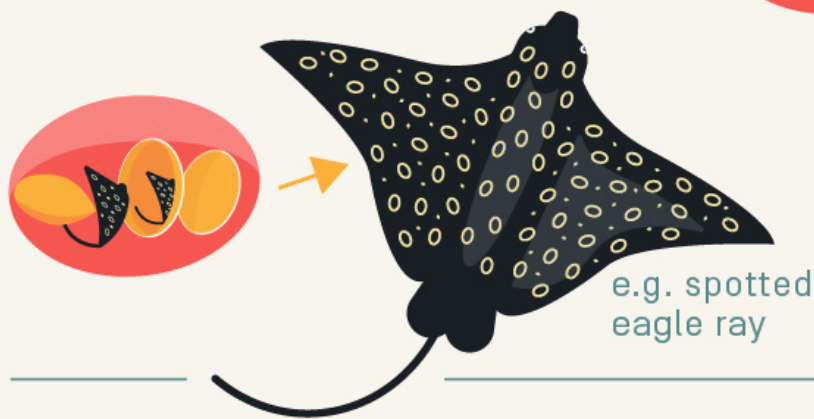
HOW DO SHARKS HAVE BABIES?

VIVIPAROUS

Some sharks nourish growing pups via a placenta, and **give birth to live babies**, like humans do.



e.g. bonnethead shark



e.g. spotted eagle ray

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Others have eggs with yolk that **develop and hatch inside** before giving birth to live pups.



e.g. zebra shark

OVIPAROUS

Many sharks **lay eggs with tough skin** unattended on the seafloor. You may know them as 'mermaid's purses'.



DID YOU KNOW?

Some female sharks and rays, including these species, can even have babies without mating. **This is called parthenogenesis.**