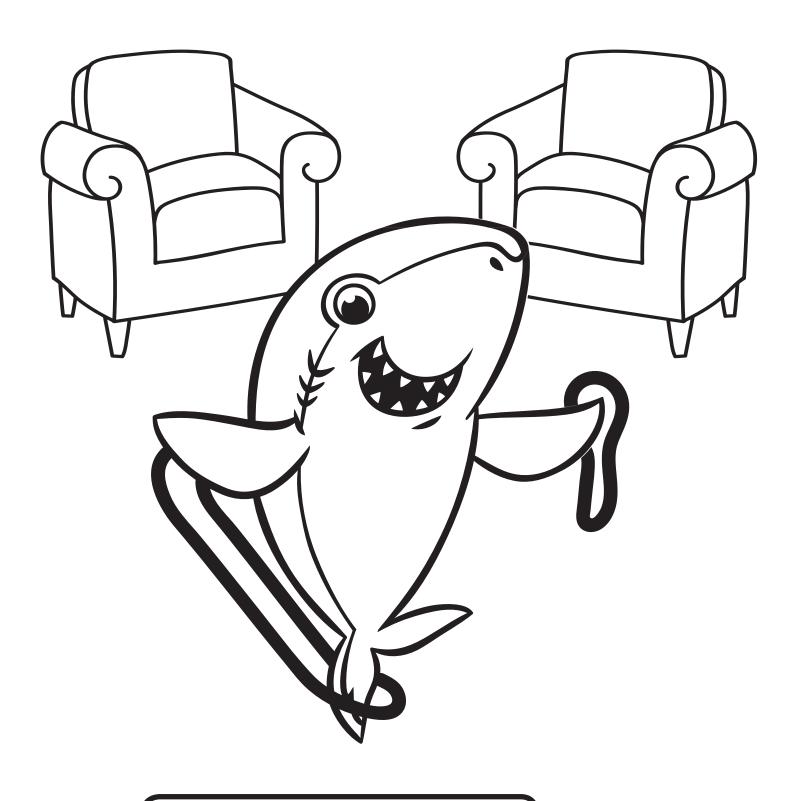


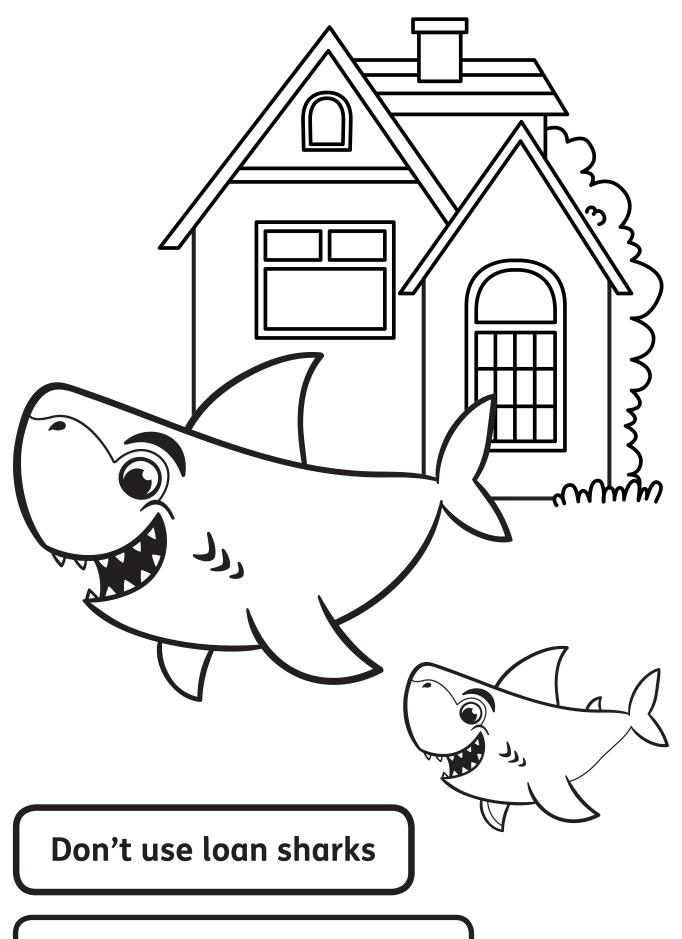
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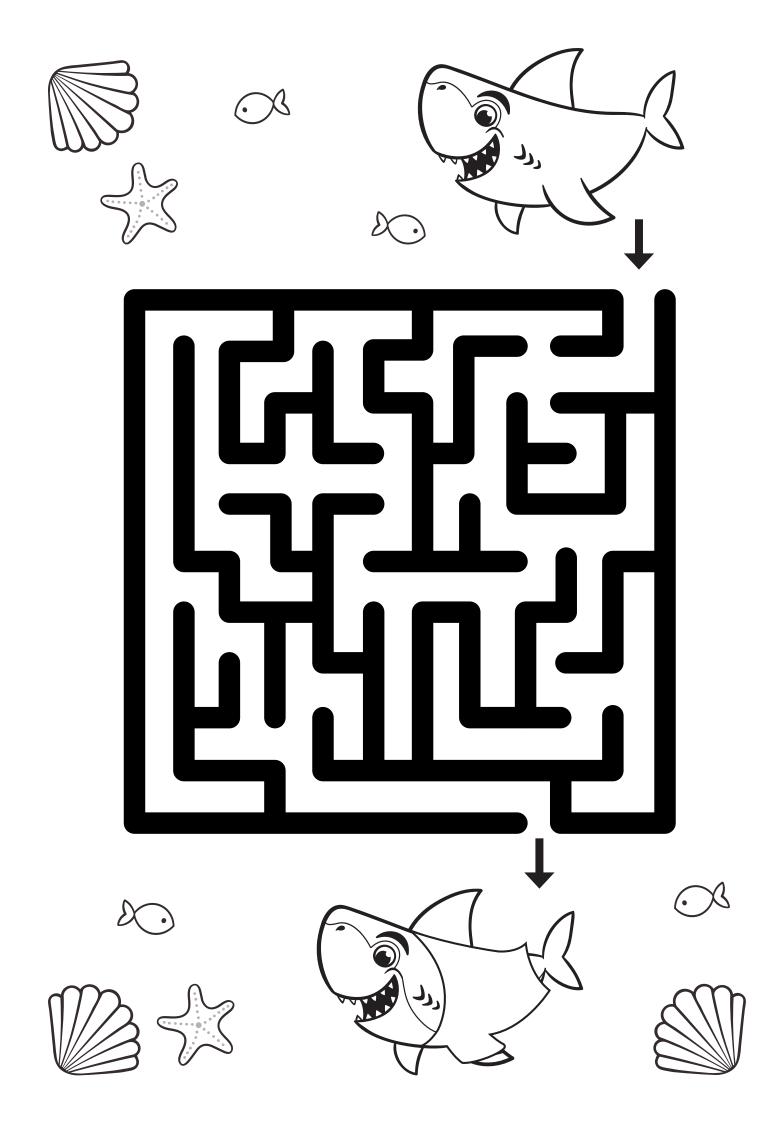


Stay away from loan sharks

Loan sharks are nasty

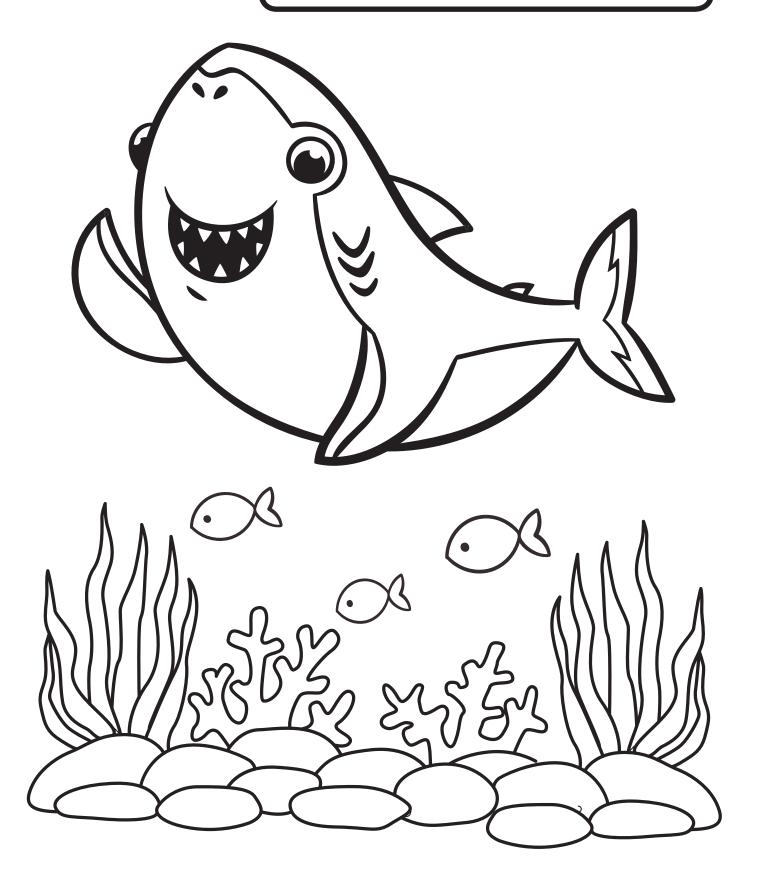


Loan sharks are not your friends



Loan sharks are dangerous

Illegal money lending is a crime



A loan shark is someone who runs a money lending business without the correct authorisation from the Financial Conduct Authority.

An estimated 310,000 households nationally are borrowing from illegal money lenders, many of whom charge exorbitant rates of interest to trap people into a spiral of debt.

Many loan sharks will resort to bullying tactics, such as intimidation, threats and even violence to enforce repayment.

If you can answer yes to one or more of these questions, you might be borrowing from a loan shark:

- Did they offer you a cash loan?
- Did they not give you paperwork?
- Did they add huge amounts of interest or APR to your loan?
 - Have they threatened you?
 - Are you scared of people finding out?
- Have they taken your bank card, benefit card, passport, watch or other valuables from you?

Stop Loan Sharks is a UK government agency with the power to investigate and prosecute illegal money lenders. The team have supported in excess of 28,000 victims and written off over £74 million worth of illegal debt.

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For confidential help and advice contact the Illegal Money Lending Team on 0300 555 2222 or visit www.stoploansharks.co.uk

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