

Rescue



“Kiki, you’re here!” Manu peered into the clear green water, delighted to see the friendly dolphin. The boy never knew when Kiki would appear, but when she did they played together near the reef. But something was wrong.

Behind Kiki was another shape, but this wasn’t a dolphin. As the two shapes got closer, Manu could see that the newcomer was a huge shark. It was chasing Kiki! Its enormous mouth opened as it got close to her, displaying rows of razor-sharp teeth.

“No!” cried Manu, watching anxiously from his boat as dolphin and shark dived back under water.

The two shadows came closer. Kiki burst out of the waves in a great curling leap, hung in the air for a moment and then crashed down. Then the huge shark leaped, its cruel mouth twisting through the air a split-second after Kiki.

With a sudden lunge, Kiki burst forward and headed straight towards the boat. The shark followed, and Manu’s jaw tensed. The shark raced alongside the boat and Manu screamed. He grabbed an old fishing spear and thrust it at the shark, missing by millimetres.

The predator twisted around. Manu reached down, searching for something else to throw. At least he had given Kiki a few seconds to escape, Manu thought. If he was lucky, the shark would give up the fight and slink off. The seconds passed slowly as Manu stood with another spear in his hand, scanning the water for tell-tale shadows. There were none.

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Look at the paragraph beginning: *With a sudden lunge ...*
Find and copy **two** examples from the text that tell you that Manu is getting more anxious.

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Look at the paragraph beginning: *The predator twisted around.*
Who is the predator?

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Look at the paragraph beginning: *The predator twisted around.*
Decide whether the statements are True or False.
Tick **one** box for each statement.

	True	False
The shark had given up the fight.	☐	☐
Although Manu had missed with his spear, he had distracted the shark from Kiki.	☐	☐
Manu stared into the water.	☐	☐
Manu could not find anything else to throw.	☐	☐

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Look at the paragraph beginning: *When the shark struck ...*
How does the author help us picture how Manu was standing before the shark attacked the boat? Find and copy **two** descriptions.
