

# Shark - a silent terror

This task is about adding words to a text so that it makes sense.



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The following piece of writing has some spaces where words are missing.

First, read the whole piece of writing through to get an idea of what it is about. Then fill each space with **ONE** word so that the whole piece of writing makes sense. You are able to change answers as you go.

When you have filled in all the spaces, re-read the text to check that the whole piece of writing makes sense.

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Our boat sat motionless on the glassy surface of the atoll's lagoon. The lines we held dipped into the water and then fell <sup>1</sup> steeply towards the sandy bottom. <sup>2</sup> below I glimpsed patches of <sup>3</sup> colour as tropical fish flashed <sup>4</sup> the watery stage. Completely fascinated <sup>5</sup> the ever-changing display of marine <sup>6</sup>, I'd almost forgotten the reason <sup>7</sup> our being there floating above <sup>8</sup> peaceful scene. Suddenly the stage <sup>9</sup> was empty. The silent actors <sup>10</sup> from sight. A silent grey ghost <sup>11</sup> appeared as if from nowhere. "<sup>12</sup> him", I whispered as the <sup>13</sup> took on substance. My companion <sup>14</sup> to his feet in awe. <sup>15</sup> was what we had been <sup>16</sup> for. Below, now in full <sup>17</sup>, was the terror of the <sup>18</sup> - a monstrous tiger shark. The <sup>19</sup> creature knifed toward our baited <sup>20</sup>. I shuddered at the sight <sup>21</sup> the shark's cruel mouth as <sup>22</sup> circled our lines. Then, as <sup>23</sup> taking up our challenge, it pounced on the unfortunate fish I'd <sup>24</sup> as bait. There was a <sup>25</sup> of blue in the water; <sup>26</sup> line snapped taut. He was <sup>27</sup>. The fight was on.