

## People of the Rainforest

10 We stumbled on them much by chance – spotting a young  
21 girl, no older than four, through the clearing in the trees.  
32 She merely wore a skirt made from reeds and leaves, and  
43 a simple cloth headband to keep the hair from her eyes.  
52 We watched as she toddled towards the river – unsteady  
64 on her feet, but far steadier than we were. It was clear  
70 that she knew this rainforest well.

82 In the river stood a man with a bow and arrow made  
91 from forest vines. He stood, knee-high in the flowing  
100 torrents, aiming towards the water as silently as a  
110 cheetah stalking its prey. With no hesitation, he let the  
120 arrow fly and, from beneath the water, he retrieved a  
130 humongous tilapia. He passed it to the little girl, who  
135 scurried away amongst the trees.



## Quick Questions



1. What two things was the girl wearing?

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2. *'He stood, knee-high in the flowing torrents...'*  
What do you think torrents means in this sentence?

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3. What do you think a 'tilapia' is? Give a reason for your answer.

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4. How do you think the girl's clothing compares to that of the explorers?

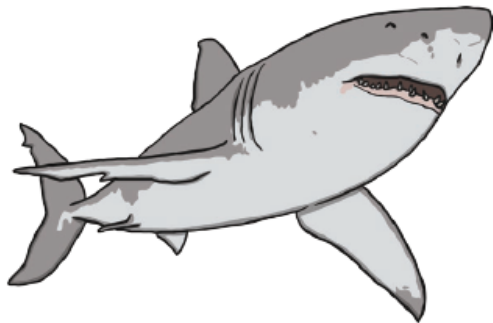
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# The Great White Shark

11 Great white sharks are the top of the ocean's food chain.  
22 They are the biggest fish on our planet which eat other  
32 fish and animals. They are known to live between thirty  
45 and one hundred years old and can be found in all of the  
55 world's oceans, but they are mostly found in cool water  
59 close to the coast.  
69 Even though they are mostly grey, they get their name  
78 from their white underbelly. The great white shark has  
89 been known to grow up to six metres long and have  
99 up to three hundred sharp teeth, in seven rows. Their  
109 amazing sense of smell allows them to hunt for prey,  
119 such as seals, rays and small whales from miles away.



# Quick Questions



1. Why do you think that the great white shark is at the top of the ocean's food chain?

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2. Where are most great white sharks found?

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3. Find and copy the adjective that the author uses to describe the shark's sense of smell.

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4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- They live between thirty and one hundred years.
- They can grow up to six metres long.
- They have up to three hundred teeth.