

## Denny the dolphin

Denny was a dolphin. He was quite big, nearly 3 metres long. He loved to swim. He could swim fast. Most of the time he swam at 10 kms/hr but could go at up to 32kms/hr if he really tried. He could also swim under water for 15 minutes.

Denny lived with a group of friends and family. A group of dolphins is called a Pod.

They all enjoyed swimming every day and Denny loved to teach the young dolphins how to jump out of the water and flip over in the air before they splashed down into the water again.

One day Denny took Beth and Ben to jump and splash in the waves. He showed them how to move their tails to push their bodies high into the air. Beth and Ben squeaked and clicked in delight as they splashed in the sea. This was fun.

They saw jellyfish

They saw sea turtles

They saw pretty coloured coral

They saw little sea shells.

They spent the morning swimming and playing. The dolphin trio were starting to think it was time to catch some fish to eat for lunch, when Denny caught sight of a Tiger Shark circling round them.

Denny clicked at Beth and Ben to swim as fast as they could to the rest of their **pod**.

Denny turned towards the tiger shark and then swam quickly under the shark and hit it in the stomach with his tail as hard as he could. Then Denny swam after Beth and Ben towards their pod. The tiger shark was only stopped for a few seconds and swam silently after Denny.

Denny, Beth and Ben were getting closer to their pod but the shark was catching up. Denny was beginning to get really worried. Would they make it in time. Denny turned ready to fight the tiger shark all alone to give Beth and Ben time to get to safety.

As he turned he saw a large black and white shape hit the side of the tiger shark. Denny clicked happily. It was his friend Lexi the Orca. She was big and strong and incredibly brave. Denny swam to the tiger shark and hit it on the nose with his tail.

Just then the rest of the pod arrived and when it saw so many dolphins together, the tiger shark swam away into the distance looking for an easier lunch which didn't fight back quite so hard.