



## The Quest



This is the beginning of a mystery story. Daeng is a fisherman in Thailand. He goes fishing every day. At the moment he is in the harbour. He is getting ready to go out in his boat.

Daeng was worried. He looked up at the sky. It was clear and blue. He looked round him at the calm sea. There was no wind and the monsoon rains had not come yet. The monsoon would come soon. During the monsoon, there would be rain all day, every day, for weeks and weeks.

But today it was perfect weather for fishing. Daeng turned his eyes from the sky and looked at his boat. It was a good fishing boat. He listened to the noise of the engine. Everything was all right. Why was he worried?



Daeng looked at the boy who was sitting quietly in the bottom of the boat. The boy was mending some fishing nets. Lek was a good boy. He helped Daeng a lot. Lek was clever and he learnt fast.

'What is wrong?' Daeng said to himself. He looked at the sky again. 'I have been a fisherman here in Si Racha for many years. But I have never been frightened before. And I don't understand why I am frightened. There is no reason for my fear.'

When he had no money for food, Daeng often went fishing in bad weather. He sailed his boat when the waves in the rough sea were huge. And he had never been frightened. Today the sea was calm, but he was frightened.

'We'll look for fish close to Si Racha today,' Daeng said to the boy. Lek looked up. He was surprised.

'But the weather is good,' said Lek. 'There is no wind. Why don't you go further away from the beach? There are more fish away from land.'

'We'll stay here!' Daeng replied.

The boy said nothing. There was something wrong with Daeng today. Perhaps Daeng was worrying about his money problems. Daeng had bought the boat three months ago. It was very expensive.

Lek stood up and picked up the fishing net slowly.

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Daeng stopped the boat and looked at the water. There were no rocks here. There was no danger. But he could not forget the words of the fortune-teller yesterday.

'Be careful at sea,' the fortune-teller had told him. 'There is death in the sea.'

What did the fortune-teller mean? Who was going to die? How were they going to die? What was going to kill them? A storm? Was Daeng's boat going to sink?

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'OK! The fishing net is in the water now!' Lek shouted to Daeng.

The boat moved slowly forward over the blue water.

Lek turned round and looked at Daeng. Daeng was worried.

'What is it?' asked Lek. 'Is everything OK?'

'I don't feel well,' Daeng said. 'We'll go back when we've pulled in the net. I'll be OK tomorrow.'

Suddenly the boat stopped moving.

Daeng leant over the side of the boat. He looked down into the water.

'The fishing net has caught on something!' he said.

Daeng went to the other side of the boat and looked into the water. 'I can't see anything,' he said.

'Are there any rocks here?' asked Lek.

Daeng shook his head. 'No, there aren't any rocks here.'

'What is it, then?' asked Lek.

'I don't know, but we've got to pull the net into the boat again!' Daeng was worried.

Lek looked at him. Something was wrong. Now Lek began to worry too. There were huge creatures in the sea. They could be dangerous. Was the fishing net caught on a sea creature? Lek put his hand in his pocket and touched his knife.



## Comprehension

1 Look back. Find the correct answers. Circle them.

- |   |  |                        |
|---|--|------------------------|
| 1 Daeng was   | a a fisherman.   | b a fortune-teller.    |
| 2 On that day the sea was                             | a rough.   | b calm.                |
| 3 Daeng was   | a worried.   | b happy.               |
| 4 Daeng told Lek that                                 | a he was worried.  | b he didn't feel well. |
| 5 When the fishing net got caught, Daeng said         | a 'It's caught on the rocks.'    b 'I can't see anything.' |                        |
| 6 Lek thought that the fishing net could be caught on | a a creature.    b a knife.                                |                        |

2 Discuss your answers to these questions.

- Why was Daeng worried?
- Why did Lek think that Daeng was worried?
- How do you know that Daeng was a brave fisherman?
- Why do you think Daeng said, 'I don't feel very well.'?
- What do you think the fishing net was caught on?



## Vocabulary

1 Find *adjectives* in the story which describe:

- |                           |         |         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 the sky                 | c _____ | b _____ |
| 2 the sea                 | c _____ |         |
| 3 the weather for fishing | p _____ |         |
| 4 the fishing boat        | g _____ | e _____ |
| 5 Lek                     | g _____ | c _____ |

2 Find *adjectives* which mean the opposite.  
Use the thesaurus on page 166.

- |             |       |           |       |
|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 calm      | _____ | 2 perfect | _____ |
| 3 good      | _____ | 4 clever  | _____ |
| 5 expensive | _____ | 6 well    | _____ |



Language building

Remember! A **noun** is a naming word.



a boat



the boy



Most **nouns** name things which you can touch, taste, hear, smell or see.

Some **nouns** name things you think or feel.

We call these **abstract nouns**.

Daeng is **frightened**. He feels **fear**.

There is no reason for my fear.

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1 Tick ✓ the correct column.

- 1 sadness
- 2 engine
- 3 happiness
- 4 rocks
- 5 goodness

noun

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abstract noun

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2 Match the *adjectives* and the *abstract nouns*.

adjective

- 1 frightened
- 2 kind
- 3 angry
- 4 dangerous
- 5 dark

abstract noun

- a kindness
- b anger
- c darkness
- d fear
- e danger

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_



Grammar

Do you remember Daeng and Lek?



It is a beautiful day. The sun **is shining** and a warm breeze **is blowing**. Daeng, the fisherman, **is sitting** in his boat in the harbour. He **is mending** his nets. Lek **is helping** him. They **are getting** ready to go fishing. Daeng **goes** fishing every day. Lek **helps** him. They **go** out in the boat early every morning and **come** back late in the afternoon. They **work** hard and always **catch** lots of fish.

1 Answer these questions.

- 1 What is Daeng doing this morning?
- 2 What is Lek doing?
- 3 What are Daeng and Lek doing?
- 4 What does Daeng do every day?
- 5 Do Daeng and Lek go fishing every morning or every evening?

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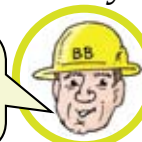
2 Ask and answer about the text.

- sun – shine Is the sun shining? Yes, it is.
- birds – sing Are the birds singing? Yes, they are.
- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 warm breeze – blow?   | 2 Daeng – sit – boat? |
| 3 Daeng – mend – boat?  | 4 Daeng – help – Lek? |
| 5 Daeng and Lek – fish? | 6 they – get ready?   |

3 Ask and answer about the text.

- Daeng – go fishing – every day? Does Daeng go fishing every day?  
Yes, he does.
- Lek and Daeng – mend the nets? Do Lek and Daeng mend the nets?  
Yes, they do.
- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Lek – help Daeng – every day?        | 2 they – go out – every morning?     |
| 3 they – come back – in the afternoon? | 4 they – go fishing – at night?      |
| 5 Daeng – work hard?                   | 6 Daeng and Lek – catch – many fish? |

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## Spelling

The suffix **ive** can change a **noun** into an **adjective**.



expense

Daeng's boat was very **expensive**.

noun = expense

adjective = **expensive**



1 Do these word sums. Make the *adjectives*.

1 expense

+ ive = expensive

2 mass

+ ive = \_\_\_\_\_

3 secret

+ ive = \_\_\_\_\_

4 act

+ ive = \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Read the words. Discuss what they mean. Use the dictionary pages.

3 Use the *adjectives* you have made to finish these sentences.

1



The tree is \_\_\_\_\_.

2



This girl is \_\_\_\_\_.

3



The watch is \_\_\_\_\_.

4



This boy is lazy. He is not \_\_\_\_\_.



## Language Book samples

### Class writing

Let's solve the mystery!



- 1 Daeng and Lek got the net free.
- 2 They pulled up the net.
- 3 In the net was something which was:
  - very heavy
  - very old
  - **not** valuable.



- 2 1 Discuss what you think was caught in the net.
- 2 Make a list on the board.
- 3 Choose the best idea.
- 4 Write it here.

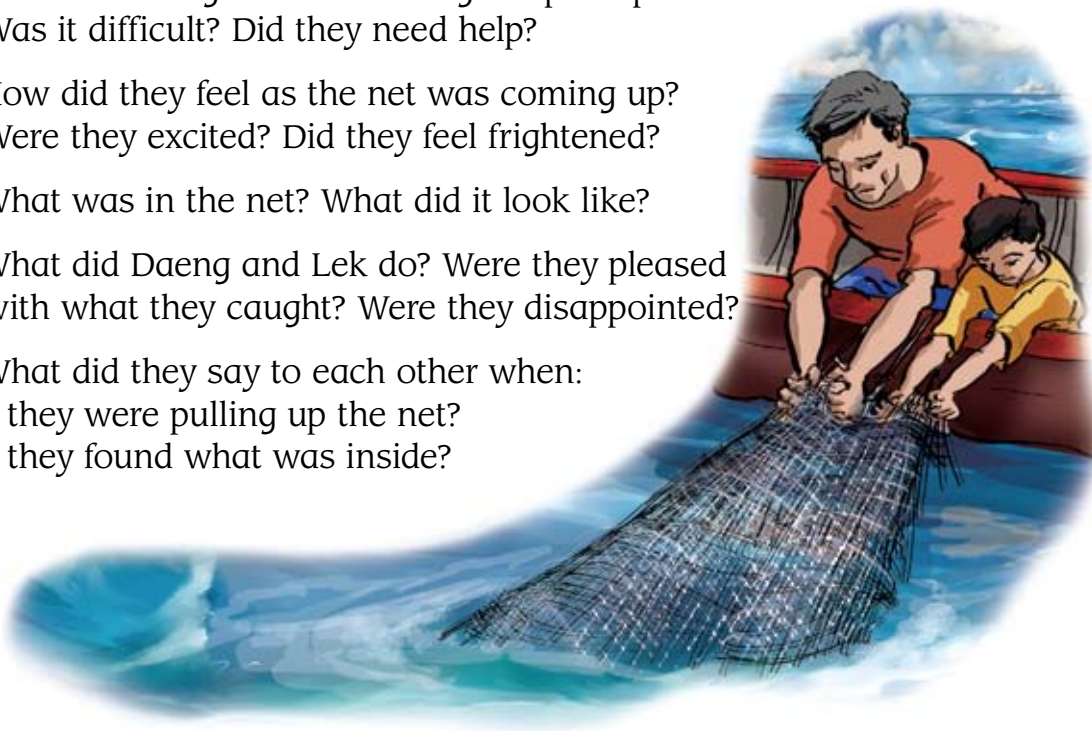
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- 3 Write a paragraph together on the board.

Think about and discuss:

- 1 How did Daeng and Lek manage to pull up the net?  
Was it difficult? Did they need help?
- 2 How did they feel as the net was coming up?  
Were they excited? Did they feel frightened?
- 3 What was in the net? What did it look like?
- 4 What did Daeng and Lek do? Were they pleased  
with what they caught? Were they disappointed?
- 5 What did they say to each other when:
  - they were pulling up the net?
  - they found what was inside?

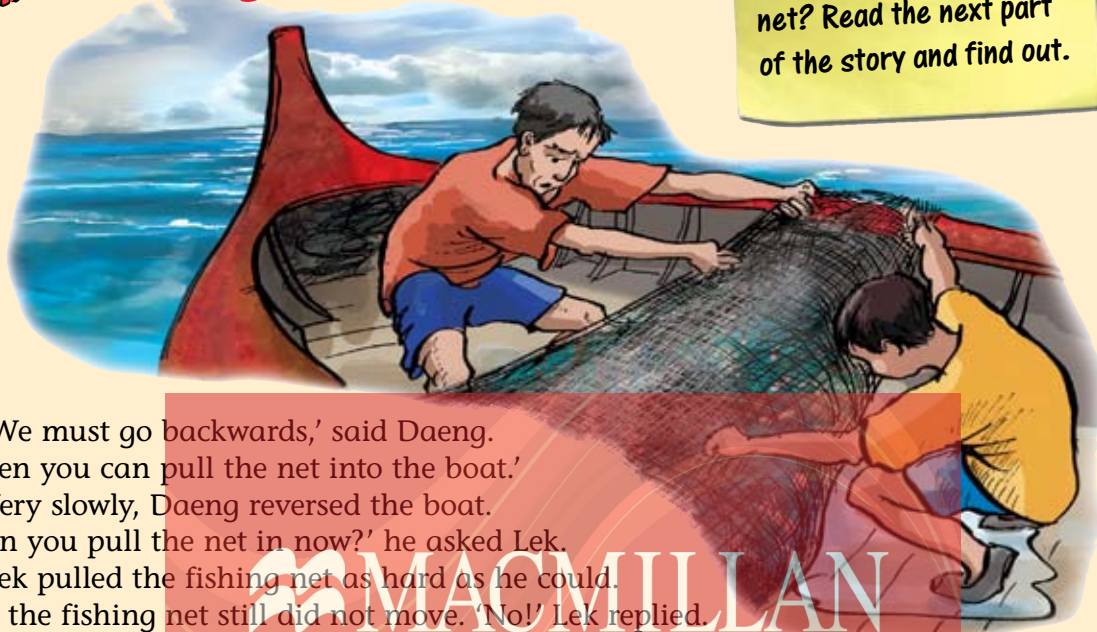




## Reading for enrichment

What did you think Daeng and Lek caught in the net? Read the next part of the story and find out.

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‘We must go backwards,’ said Daeng.  
‘Then you can pull the net into the boat.’  
Very slowly, Daeng reversed the boat.  
‘Can you pull the net in now?’ he asked Lek.  
Lek pulled the fishing net as hard as he could.  
But the fishing net still did not move. ‘No!’ Lek replied.  
‘Pull again!’ Daeng told Lek.  
Suddenly Lek shouted, ‘Yes! It’s coming!’  
Daeng went quickly to the side of the boat and helped Lek. They started to pull the net into the boat.  
‘There are fish in the net!’ Lek shouted. ‘Look!’  
Daeng looked into the net. He saw many silver fish there. But there was something else in the net. It was blue and white, and it was shining.  
‘What is that?’ asked Daeng.  
They pulled and pulled. At last, the fishing net lay in the bottom of the boat. Lek stepped forward and opened the net. He picked up the blue and white thing. It was a plate. Lek started to laugh.  
‘We’ve caught a plate! An old plate. Shall I throw it back into the sea?’ he asked Daeng.  
‘No, no, wait a minute!’ said Daeng. ‘Give it to me.’  
Daeng looked at the plate carefully.  
‘I saw a picture of a plate like this in a newspaper,’ he said. ‘The plate was very old. It was worth a lot of money.’  
‘But how did it get into our net?’ asked Lek.  
Daeng put the plate down and began to put the fish into baskets. When he had finished, he spoke to Lek.  
‘Perhaps there is a wreck down there.’  
‘A what?’ asked the boy.  
‘A wreck – you know, a ship which sank a long time ago,’ explained Daeng. ‘There are lots of wrecks of old ships in the Gulf of Thailand. Perhaps that is why the net got caught. It was caught on a ship at the bottom of the sea. And this plate came from the ship.’