

## THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA - B1 - ANSWER KEY

### Chapter One

#### Activities

##### **A**

1. A                    2. E                    3. C                    4. B                    5. F                    6. D

##### **B**

- |                    |                  |                       |                     |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. losing <u>A</u> | beaten <u>A</u>  | 2. belief <u>S</u>    | distrust <u>A</u>   |
| 3. help <u>S</u>   | support <u>S</u> | 4. equipment <u>S</u> | instrument <u>S</u> |
| 5. source <u>S</u> | lack <u>A</u>    | 6. courage <u>S</u>   | fear <u>A</u>       |
| 7. shake <u>S</u>  | quake <u>S</u>   |                       |                     |

##### **C**

1. True
2. False (*He took the boy in his boat when he was five years old.*)
3. True
4. False (*"I may not be as strong as I think. But I know many tricks and I have resolution."*)

##### **D**

1. The boy's parents think he is extremely unlucky.
2. There is a bed, a table, and one chair. There are some pictures on the wall. He doesn't have a wife. He took down his wife's photo because it made him lonely.
3. Because the boy cares for Santiago very much. He likes to take care of him. He looks up to him and thinks he is a great fisherman.
4. He likes to talk about American baseball, especially about DiMaggio.
5. The beaches in Africa.

### Chapter Two

#### Activities

##### **A**

1. harbor            2. oar            3. bow            4. school            5. current            6. shore

##### **B**

1. dipped            2. immune            3. stray            4. tow            5. endure            6. delicate

##### **C**

1. False (*He thinks the flying fish are his principal friends on the ocean. He also likes the birds.*)
2. True
3. True
4. False (*He has not seen the fish. He knows it is a big fish because of the way it pulls the line.*)

##### **D**

1. He calls it *La Mar* because, unlike some other fishermen, he thinks of it as feminine and as something that gives or withholds favors.
2. He thinks the jelly fish are beautiful, but they are the falsest thing in the sea because they are in fact poisonous.
3. He doesn't remember since when he has been speaking to himself. He first started to do it when he was by himself. He thinks he probably started when the boy left.
4. He may be superstitious. He does not want to say a good thing because it may not happen. He doesn't want to turn his luck around.

## Chapter Three

### Activities

#### A

##### Down

- stern
- course
- pity

#### B

- True
- True
- False (*The fish pulls the line suddenly.*)

#### C

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|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. inescapable <u>S</u> | certain <u>S</u>  | 2. fail <u>A</u>          | beat <u>S</u>     |
| 3. hopeful <u>A</u>     | calm <u>A</u>     | 4. keep <u>A</u>          | change <u>S</u>   |
| 5. positive <u>S</u>    | harmful <u>A</u>  | 6. irresponsible <u>A</u> | careless <u>A</u> |
| 7. influence <u>S</u>   | persuade <u>S</u> | 8. hurt <u>S</u>          | endure <u>S</u>   |

#### D

- He thinks it is a great fish. He calls it wonderful and strange. He says perhaps the fish has been hooked many times before and knows how to fight.
- The male stayed with her. He stayed by the side of the boat when Santiago pulled her into the boat. He jumped into the air to see the female. Santiago thinks he was beautiful.
- The cut is in the working part of his hand. Also, his left hand is cramped.
- "He was bright in the sun and his head and back were dark purple. The stripes on his sides were light lavender. His sword was as long as a baseball bat and thin like a blade." It is the biggest fish the old man has ever seen.
- Answers vary.*

## Chapter Four

### Activities

#### A

N	B	T	P	J	N	L	R	S	P	K	H	E
N	O	I	T	A	N	I	M	R	E	T	E	D
N	G	J	V	U	F	N	A	J	M	N	N	I
C	O	N	F	U	S	E	D	R	I	T	V	R
C	T	V	G	Z	D	E	D	A	T	V	I	P
N	O	O	P	R	A	H	P	K	E	S	V	A

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|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| a. pride | b. strain | c. harpoon | d. confused | e. pain | f. determination |
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#### B

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|-----------|------------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------|----------|
| 1. worthy | 2. traitor | 3. numbness | 4. gut | 5. confused | 6. last | 7. pride |
| 8. drove  |            |             |        |             |         |          |

#### C

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|------|------|------|------|
| 1. a | 2. b | 3. b | 4. a |
|------|------|------|------|

#### D

- He needs the boy's help while dealing with the fish. He is badly injured and needs help.
- Hunger that made him desperate or he was frightened by something in the dark.

3. He says the fish has a right to kill him. It is the greatest, the most beautiful, the calmest, and the noblest thing he has ever seen.
4. *Answers vary.*

## **Chapter Five**

### **Activities**

#### **A**

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|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. proud | 2. fortune | 3. trickery    | 4. fasten    | 5. compass |
| 6. scent | 7. pack    | 8. destruction | 9. recognize |            |

#### **B**

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|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|
| 1. approach | 2. destroy | 3. detached | 4. heal | 5. seize | 6. sin |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|

#### **C**

1. True
2. False (*The shark took forty pounds off the fish. He took the harpoon and all of the rope. He made the fish bleed, which led to other sharks coming.*)
3. False (*He is not sure. He says you kill a fish to keep alive and to sell for food. You also kill it for pride and because you are a fisherman. If you love the fish, it is not a sin to kill him.*)

#### **D**

1. He may not have hope, but he is still determined to complete his mission. *Answers vary.*
2. *Answers vary.*
3. He thinks the boy may worry but he will have confidence in him. Also, the older fishermen and many others may be worried.
4. He has no thoughts or feelings. He is very calm. "He was past everything now."
5. *Answers vary.*

## **Chapter Six**

### **Activities**

#### **A**

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|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. enemy | 2. measure | 3. notice | 4. bother |
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#### **B**

1. He checks that Santiago is breathing and he cries. Then he brings him coffee. He tries to make sure the old man is comfortable.
2. They are impressed. One says there has never been such a fish.
3. Yes. The coast guard and planes searched for him.

### **Discussion Questions about *The Old Man and the Sea***

*Answers vary.*