

The boy who cried shark



Think how actions create consequences

Read the poem. Circle clues in the picture and text that suggest what might happen next because of the boy's actions.

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I am a boy
Who loves the sea,
but I don't like swimming
in company.

They are the folk
Who go each day
Down to the beach
To surf in the bay.

To stop the surfers
Spoiling my fun
Each day I shout 'Shark!'
And watch them run.



While everyone's fussing
I hide the fin.
Then I swim in peace
And ignore their din.

When they look again
The shark is not there,
Just a lad swimming,
How does he dare?

They are so silly
To believe my cry,
When day after day
It's just a lie.

Then one day,
It's not a lie.
'Killer shark, over there!'
They hear me cry.

'Not true!' they say,
'Heard that before.
We don't believe you.
Not any more.'

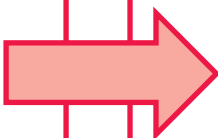
Explain what is happening in the story so far.

So far, _____

Draw pictures or write notes to show what you think happens next.

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2.



3.

Why do you think this happens? What does the boy learn from this?

I think this happens because _____

How did you do?

