

# Shark Beach


Tausala leaves Samoa to begin school in Australia. Aunty and Uncle welcome her to their home in Brisbane. She also meets her cousins and the family's dog, Piki. In the summer the family take Tausala on a camping trip to the beach. Uncle explains that swimming in the ocean is dangerous.

Piki is a strong swimmer. Will he be safe in the surf? Or is there hidden danger under the waves?

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**Samoan words used in this book**

piki ..... pig  
 leali ..... no  
 maŋ ..... hill  
 ŋa oŋ .....let's go!  
 malle ..... shark



**How do I pronounce the Samoan words?**

Ta - u - sa - la ..... Tausala  
 (ah) (oo) (ah) (ah)

Si - a - ki ..... Siaki  
 (see) (ah) (key)

Si - o - ne ..... Sione  
 (see) (aw) (knee)

Pi - ki ..... Piki  
 (pee) (key)

la - a - i ..... leali  
 (eh) (ah) (E)

ma - ŋ ..... maŋ  
 (mah) (ah)

ŋa - o - ŋ ..... ŋa oŋ  
 (ah) (ah)

ma - li - e ..... malle  
 (mah) (see) (eh)

**My new family**


**Chapter Seven**

**A Brave Dog**

Suddenly, Piki ran into the shallow water and dived under a wave.

"Piki! Leali!" Tausala screamed.

"Piki!" Mary shouted, "Stop!"



Piki was a strong swimmer and they watched him swim towards the shark. Huge waves

crashed over him but they watched him get closer to the shark. Suddenly the shark's dorsal fin disappeared under the water.

Mary screamed, "Piki! Look out!"

The boys shouted again and again, "Logan! There's a shark! Get out of the water!"

Seconds later the shark's black fin appeared and this time it followed Logan. But where was Piki?

Logan stood at the back of his board and surfed a wave. He didn't hear the shouts and he didn't see the shark getting closer.

"There's Piki!" Tausala shouted. "I saw his white coat!" She ran into the water but a hand grabbed her arm.

"Tausala! Leali!" Siaki cried, "Leave him!"

"It's dangerous!" Sione yelled.

Mary sat on the wet sand and sobbed.