

TOGETHER FOR OUR MOANA - WE'RE SHAPING OUR FUTURE

INTEGRATED MATHS AND LITERACY LEARNINGS

STORY

Read and respond



THE DOLPHIN AND THE FISHERMAN

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Once upon a time, in a beautiful blue ocean, there lived a friendly dolphin named Delphi. Delphi loved swimming through the coral reefs, playing with her dolphin friends, and exploring the peaceful waters.

She lived in a special place called a **marine reserve**, where no one could fish or disturb the sea creatures. It was her favourite place to be because the water was clear, the fish were plentiful, and the coral was healthy.

One sunny morning, Delphi was swimming near the shore when she saw a fisherman named Tom in his boat. Tom had been fishing in the same spot for years. He loved the ocean and thought fishing was a great way to spend his days. But today, he seemed a little frustrated.



"Hello, Tom!" called Delphi, swimming up to his boat.

"Hi, Delphi," Tom sighed. "I've been fishing here for a long time, but now I can't catch any fish because of the rules of the new marine reserve."

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Delphi smiled and said, "I know it's tough, Tom, but the marine reserve is a special place where all the sea creatures can be safe and healthy. Because they are protected, the fish can grow bigger and stronger. It's a place where the ocean gets a chance to get better and healthier."

Tom scratched his head. "But I love fishing, and it's what I do for my job. If I can't fish here, I don't know what I'll do."

"I understand," said Delphi. "But the fish here are safe, and that means they can swim to other places, like the ones where you fish. When the fish are healthy, you might catch even more in other spots."

Tom thought for a moment. "So, you're saying the fish from the reserve could help the fish outside? That sounds good... but I still miss fishing here."

Delphi nodded. "I know it's hard. But remember, the ocean belongs to all of us. If we take care of it, we can all enjoy it, whether we're swimming or fishing. Maybe if you give it time, you'll find other fishing spots that are just as good as this one."

Tom smiled slowly. "Maybe you're right, Delphi. It's hard to see the bigger picture when you're used to something. But I can try."

From that day on, Tom made sure to follow the rules of the marine reserve, and he also explored new fishing spots. And Delphi continued to enjoy the safe, beautiful waters of the reserve, knowing that both humans and sea creatures could be happy if they worked together to protect the ocean.

STORY - read and respond:

Discussion Questions for the Story:

- Why did Delphi love the marine reserve?
- How did Tom feel about the marine reserve at first?
- What did Delphi explain to Tom about how the marine reserve helps the ocean?
- How do you think Tom felt after talking with Delphi?
- Why is it important to protect special places like marine reserves?