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30 from the plains and the smaller, grey kangaroo was from
41 the hills. One day, the grey kangaroo really wanted to eat
53 some wild bush honey, so he followed a swarm of bees to
65 their hive in the hole of a rock. The grey kangaroo reached
76 inside and pulled out a handful of gooey honey. It was
85 delicious and now the big, brown kangaroo also wanted
95 some for himself. The grey kangaroo told him to reach
108 his arm right into the back of the hole to get the tastiest
113 honey. The brown kangaroo did
121 this but all he pulled out was a
126 handful of spiders. He had
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Quick Questions



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Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. Hopeful that he would find some honey.



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the (large) brown kangaroo



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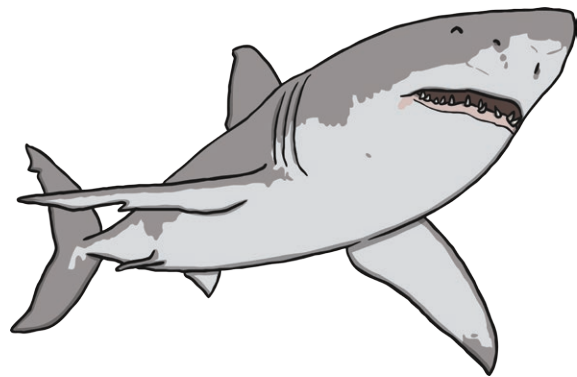
Example answer: Because he has already correctly predicted the winner of six matches.



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Pupil's own answer with reference to the text, e.g. Yes – because an octopus wouldn't really know anything about sport.

The Great White Shark

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32 fish and animals. They are known to live between thirty
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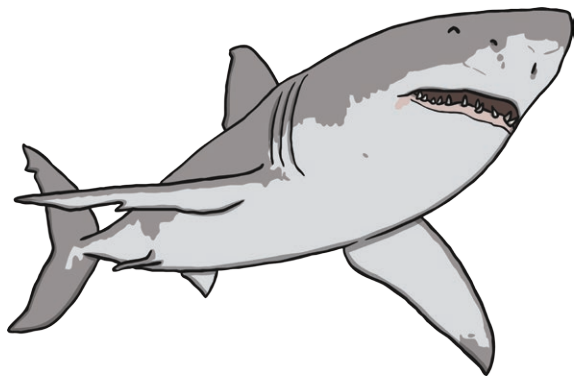
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Answers



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Accept 'flimsy' or 'fragile'.



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