

TEN WORD TALES No. 2

# Turbo the Turtle

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## CHAPTER 5



Turbo woke up when the wobbly body of the Water Wizard started stretching and quivering as the walrus moved towards the sea. The Wizard waved towards a fin pointing up out of the water. “My oldest friend is Shane. He has agreed to help with some training.”

Turbo got into the water and a great shark swam straight towards him, his silvery fin looking like a knife. Turbo, alarmed, began to swim away from the shark, getting quicker and quicker. He felt the

shark's nose touch a flipper and found himself leaping into the air in terror. He heard the wizard shout "Excellent!" from the shore and the sound of laughter as the shark swam right up to Turbo and said. "Well done!"

Shane the shark turned out to be very friendly. Turbo tried not to be afraid but he could not help swimming away when he was being chased by a shark. Shane was much more scary than Turbo's teacher at school, so scary he was almost exciting. He gave Turbo a hundred lessons in speed and skill. The lessons went very quickly so Turbo did not mind them at all. At the end of the day the shark and the walrus waved goodbye to Turbo who set off home to warmer waters.

On the way he avoided enemies, rescued a few prawns in peril and helped a beached dolphin, who was stuck on a sand-bank.

Three weeks later, Turbo arrived home. Everyone dashed out to greet him. Turbo was so quick now that even in a special race with his teacher he was the winner, flying past the finish. "Oh dear," said Turbo looking serious. "Oh wonderful!" said his teacher, shaking Turbo's flipper, while all his friends and family cheered.