

Teacher's Guide: Tiny Bigfoot's Big Choice

Vocabulary Words

advertisement - a message, often containing pictures and words, used to inform people about a product and urge them to buy the product

champion - a person who has beat all others in a competition, especially in sports.

championship - a contest for the position of champion in a sport.

clam - a sea creature with two shells that form together and open at a single hinged point, like a pocketbook

competitor - a person who takes part in an athletic contest

concentrate - to focus effort on a particular object or activity.

congratulate - give someone good wishes when something special or pleasant has happened to them.

crab - a sea creature with a hard shell, eight legs and two claws

downdraft - a downward current or draft of air.

drowned - to die through being under water and breathing water into the lungs

dude - a word used among guys to call out to each other

East Coast - The coast of the United States of America that borders the Atlantic Ocean

enlightenment - a good feeling within yourself based on a peaceful mind

gurney - a wheeled stretcher used for transporting hospital patients.

guru - a teacher or expert

harmony - agreement or working together

high five - a greeting in which two people slap each other's open hands with their arms raised

high tide - the state of the ocean when at its highest level on shore

helicopter - a type of aircraft that flies using lift from one or two sets of revolving overhead rotors

hero - a person who is admired for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities

humiliate - to make someone feel ashamed and foolish by injuring their self-respect, especially in front of others

Huntington Beach - a city in northern Orange County, California on the Pacific Ocean

meditation - to spend time in quiet thought for purposes of enlightenment and to relax

newspaper - a printed publication (usually issued daily or weekly) consisting of folded unstapled sheets and containing news, feature articles, and advertisements

oyster - a sea creature with two shells that form together and open at a single hinged point. The oyster shells are very rough and contain a number of bumps and curves. Oysters produce pearls, made from tiny grains of sand around which the oyster coats the grains with mother-of-pearl, which is the lining of the inside of the shell

paramedic - a person who is trained to do medical work, especially emergency first aid

pier - a structure leading out from the shore into the ocean

rhythm - a strong, regular, repeated pattern of movement or sound

sneer - a disrespectful or mocking smile

snout - the projecting nose and mouth of an animal

stoked - as in *doggie-stoked* - excited (slang)

surfing - a sport involving balancing on a board, called a surfboard, and riding ocean waves in toward the shore

swells - slow, regular movement of the sea in rolling waves that do not break

tournament - a series of contests between a number of competitors, who compete for an overall prize

tumbling - falling suddenly or clumsily

veterinarian - a doctor for animals

West Coast - the coast of the United States of America that borders the Pacific Ocean

wetlands - land consisting of marshes or swamps that is usually covered partially by water

Characters

Tiny Bigfoot -	the main character, surfer doggie
Scruffy -	the East Coast surfer doggie champion
Keith -	Tiny Bigfoot's human master
Gordie the Guru -	Tiny Bigfoot's spiritual guide and teacher
Garrett the Carrot -	Tiny Bigfoot's best doggie friend
Sticky Face -	}
Spooky Cookie -	}
Little Nose -	} Tiny Bigfoot's doggie friends
Fluffy Brow -	}
Tamale Shelly -	}

Questions

1. Name three things that Tiny Bigfoot found at the beach.
Answer: sand, crabs, seashells
2. How old was Tiny Bigfoot in human years?
Answer: 14 years old
3. Who was Tiny Bigfoot's best friend?
Answer: Garrett the Carrot
4. Who was Tiny Bigfoot competing against for the championship?
Answer: Scruffy
5. Name two things that were part of the prize for winning the surfing competition.
Answer: Free two-year supply of dog food, a new surfboard, a wetsuit
6. Where is the Pacific Coast Highway?
Answer: in California
7. Do you think that Tiny Bigfoot made the right choice? Why?
8. What did Tiny Bigfoot win, even though he did not win the surfing competition?
Answer: he became a hero and got his name put in a star on Main Street, Huntington Beach.