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### **Vocabulary**

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...<sup>3</sup>. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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## Trouble at Turtle Bay

I was standing on the deck of the *Wave Dancer*. The sun was shining and I was a happy man. I had no money in my pocket, but the *Wave Dancer* belonged to me.

That morning, she looked like a new boat. Everything was clean and shining. Chubby and Angelo, my crew<sup>1</sup>, had done their work well. I had cleaned and checked the two engines. We were ready to leave.

A taxi drove slowly down to the wharf<sup>2</sup>. It stopped and two men got out. One was short with hard, black eyes. The other man was younger and taller. He looked tough. He was trouble.

'Are you Harry Fletcher?' the older man called. He didn't smile.

'That's me,' I replied. 'You must be Mr Materson. Welcome aboard the *Wave Dancer*.'

I took them down to the cabin<sup>3</sup>. It was cool there and very comfortable. The *Wave Dancer* had cost me a lot of money and I looked after her<sup>4</sup> well.

We sat down. 'This is Mike Guthrie,' Materson said.

Guthrie stared at me.

'Don't I know you?' he said. 'You're from London, aren't you?'

'Sure, but I haven't been there for years,' I answered. 'Now, about the fishing,' I went on quickly. 'We'll have to start early tomorrow . . .'

'We're not going fishing, we're going diving<sup>5</sup>,' Materson said.

'Pay me well, and you can do whatever you want,' I said with a smile.



WAVE DANCER  
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*'Welcome aboard the Wave Dancer.'*



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