

# Piranha Fish

## Review Key Words

<b>shark</b>	an ocean fish with many teeth that eats other fish
<b>skeleton</b>	the bones that make up a body
<b>hungry</b>	feeling the need for food
<b>dangerous</b>	likely to cause harm

## Write a Prediction

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## Read the Story

7 If a piranha could speak, what words  
18 would it say? If you were in a boat with a  
26 hand in the water, you'd probably hear the  
31 familiar phrase: "Finger licking good!"  
40 This small fish bites off fingers the way a  
43 rabbit chews carrots.

49 After seeing the movie *Jaws*, you  
56 probably thought the great white shark was  
64 the most dangerous fish in the world. Don't  
72 you believe it! The little piranha, with its  
80 razor-sharp teeth and strong jaws, has killed  
87 more human beings than any other fish.  
95 Piranha can smell blood and will attack any  
injured creature. They're fast and hungry

101 eaters too. In less than five minutes, a  
109 school of piranha can **pick** a horse clean to  
118 the bones.

120 Once a man was fishing in a South  
128 American jungle river, the home of the  
135 piranha fish. He fell from his canoe.  
142 Hanging to the side of the boat, he  
150 screamed for help. Another canoe came to  
157 his rescue. Although his hands were still  
164 hanging on to the canoe, the man was dead.  
173 From his waist down, the piranha had left  
181 only a skeleton.  
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Cold Timing Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Final Timing Score: \_\_\_\_\_



