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

After seeing the movie *Jaws*, you probably thought the great white shark was the most dangerous fish in the world. Don't you believe it! The little piranha, with its razor-sharp teeth and strong jaws, has killed more human beings than any other fish. Piranha can smell blood and will attack any injured creature. They're fast and hungry eaters too. In less than five minutes, a school of piranha can pick a horse clean to the bones.

Once a man was fishing in a South American jungle river, the home of the piranha fish. He fell from his canoe. Hanging to the side of the boat, he screamed for help. Another canoe came to his rescue. Although his hands were still hanging on to the canoe, the man was dead. From his waist down, the piranha had left only a skeleton.
Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
   a. The piranha is a very dangerous fish.
   b. The piranha has a very strong jaw.
   c. The piranha can eat very fast.

2. When do piranha fish attack?
   a. when it is dark
   b. when they smell blood
   c. when they are teased

3. What does pick mean in this story?
   a. choose one
   b. pull apart
   c. gather some

4. What would probably happen to someone who went swimming with piranhas?
   a. The person would be safe if they splashed loudly.
   b. The person would be able to swim away to safety.
   c. The person would be attacked and killed.

5. Why are piranha fish so dangerous?

Write a Retell of "Piranha Fish"

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