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- 1 Adjectives are describing words. Adjectives have three forms; for example, tall (*positive*), taller (*comparative*) and tallest (*superlative*). Some adjectives sound clumsy when we add 'er' and 'est' so we use the words 'more' and 'most' instead; for example, beautiful (*positive*), more beautiful (*comparative*) and most beautiful (*superlative*). Use the three forms of the adjectives to fill in the gaps in the table below.

positive	comparative	superlative
		longest
	faster	
		neatest
quiet		
		deepest
old		
	younger	
low-pitched		

- 2 Chapter 1 has been written in the *first person*. This indicates that the subject of the story (Ricky) is telling the story. *Third person* is when someone else narrates or tells the story. On the back of this page, rewrite the first paragraph of Chapter 1 in the *third person*.
- 3 By *reading between the lines* we can determine some of Ricky's attributes. Fill in the table below and find examples to support your opinions.

Attribute	Agree or disagree?	Example
Emotional		
Competitive		
Determined		
Reflective		
Helpful		

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- 1 Sometimes information is right there on the page for the reader. Other times the information is inferred (implied) through people's actions, thoughts and decisions or through illustrations. We can gain understandings about Kira and Manu's tribal culture from their actions and their decisions. Draw on your understandings from your reading to fill in the following table.

Kira and Manu's Tribe	Your understandings	Examples
Beliefs		
Traditions and customs		
Superstitions		

- 2 Adverbs describe how, when or where something happens. Complete the following sentences by selecting the most appropriate adverb from the box below.

frantically, tightly, hastily, quickly, softly, finally, especially, lonely, slowly

- a Kira was very sad and very _____ for a long time.
- b If Kira were punished too _____, it might bring great misfortune to the tribe.
- c "He _____ wants to see his grandson," said the nurse, turning towards Ricky.
- d _____ I felt the sand beneath my feet and I stood up.
- e I swam _____ towards the boat.
- f Joey and I hopped into our sleeping bags _____.
- g Manu sank, clinging _____ to the shell.
- 3 Reread the prologue. Answer the following questions on the back of this page.
- a How does the prologue fit into the big picture of the story?
- b Did you interpret the prologue differently the second time you read it? Why?
- c Grandfather implies that there is more to the story of Manu and Kira. How do you think the story ends?

