

Quotations

Read the quotations in the table and then decide which category each one should go in, using the following statements as the category titles.

1. What Santiago says about the fish
2. How Santiago deals with the situation
3. What the narrator tells the reader about Santiago and the fish
4. Santiago and Manolin

Quotation	1	2	3	4
"I wish I had the boy. But you haven't got the boy. You only have yourself. "				
"He felt the harshness as he leaned back to pull. "				
"I can do nothing with him and he can do nothing with me."				
"When the sun had risen further, the old man realized the fish was not tiring. "				
"Fish, I'll stay with you until I am dead."				
"The fish never changed his course nor his direction all that night."				
"I wish the boy were here."				
"The fish just moved away slowly and the old man could not raise him an inch."				
"The position actually was only somewhat less intolerable; but he thought of it as comfortable. "				
"I love you and respect you very much. But I will kill you dead before this day ends."				
"The fish made a surge that pulled him down on his face and made a cut below his eye."				
"No one should be alone in their old age."				
"You're feeling it now fish and so, God knows am I."				
"But what a fish to pull like that."				
"He rested sitting on the unstepped mast and sail and tried not to think but only to endure. "				
"He is wonderful and strange and who knows how old he is."				
"But what a great fish he is."				

Now consider each category of quotations and answer the questions:

1. What is being suggested about:
 - The old man
 - The fish
2. What similarities exist between the old man and the fish?
3. How does the narrator feel about:
 - The old man
 - The fish
4. Why does the old man talk to the fish?
5. What kind of connection is there between them?

For each question, look closely at and comment on the choice of words. To help, some of the key words are in bold.