

Questions for Discussion: *Make a Little Wave*

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1. Why is Sav afraid of going in the ocean? What eventually changes her mind?
2. How do Sav's feelings about sharks shift over the course of the story?
3. Sav is surprised that Tanner describes her as "funny." What adjectives would you use to describe her?
4. How has Sav's hearing loss affected her outlook on being misunderstood?
5. Why is Arbor uninterested in the sharks for much of the story? What do you think of her responses to Sav?
6. Sav's parents tell her she has to promote her cause "the right way" and not get into trouble. But Ms. Nichol tells her that activism is "complicated and messy and sometimes even dangerous." How does Sav figure out how to act both responsibly *and* bravely?
7. Why is Sav angry that Tanner posts pictures of her without getting her permission first? What other boundaries does Tanner cross with Sav? How does he make amends?
8. How does Sav handle the mistakes she makes over the course of the story? What do you do when you realize you've made a mistake or let someone down?
9. What do you think are the most effective tactics Sav uses to help the sharks? How might you use tactics like these to support a cause that matters to you?