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Quick Questions

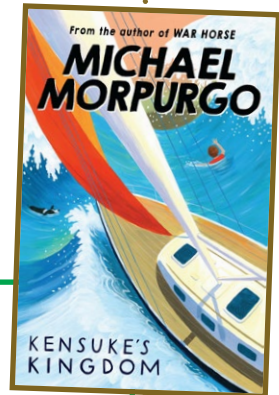
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2. What phrase from the text means the same as 'former foe'?

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4. Number the events 1-4 to show the order that they happen in the text.

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- The narrator's captor had become his saviour.
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the silence between Kensuke and the narrator 'said more than any words' because Kensuke's actions showed how much he cared.

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