

Once in a Lifetime

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Before watching the film discuss the title 'Once in a Lifetime.' Asking what does it mean? What type of things happen once in a lifetime?

Show the opening scene. Image of the airship in the sky.

- What colour is the sky? **R**
- What mood or feeling does this give us? **I E**
- What colour would the sky be if it was angry or rough? **E**
- Can we describe the clouds? **V**
- What is strange about this ship? **R**
- Who do you think may be on this ship? **P**

Pause the film after 12 seconds when the man has his hand on his face.

- What happened? **R S**
- What do we call the object that fell off his boat? **V**
- How is the man feeling? **I**
- Can you show what sadness looks like? (expect a physical response) **I E**
- Can we describe someone who is sad, only describing their actions? **V E**

Pause the film as the man looks through his telescope.

- What do you think was making that noise? **P**
- What is he looking through? **V**
- How do we spell telescope? **V**

Pause as the turtle flies over his head

- How is the man feeling? **I**
- What words can we think of to describe the turtle?
 - Ask for synonyms of big. **V**

Pause as he grabs the rope - 51 seconds.

- What do you think he is going to do with the rope? **P**

Pause at 58 seconds as the man lassoes the turtle.

- Ask the children to think about parts of a turtle.
- Which parts of a turtle can we name? Discuss that these are nouns.
 - Head, eye, flippers, shell, tail, legs **V**
- Think of two adjectives for each of these nouns. E.g. huge, round eye **V**

Pause the film at 1min 8 secs - when the turtle is towing the ship.

- How do you think the man is feeling now? **I**
- Where do you think the turtle is taking the man? **P**

Pause the film just after the rope snaps.

- How is the man feeling now? **I**
 - Ask for synonyms for sad or upset. **V**
- What will happen next? **P**

Watch the film until the end?

- Where do you think the turtle will take him? **P**
- Do you know any other stories where someone travels on a turtle's back? (Finding Nemo)
- What type of story do you think this is? **E**
- If you were telling the story which creature might you choose instead of a turtle? Why? **E**

