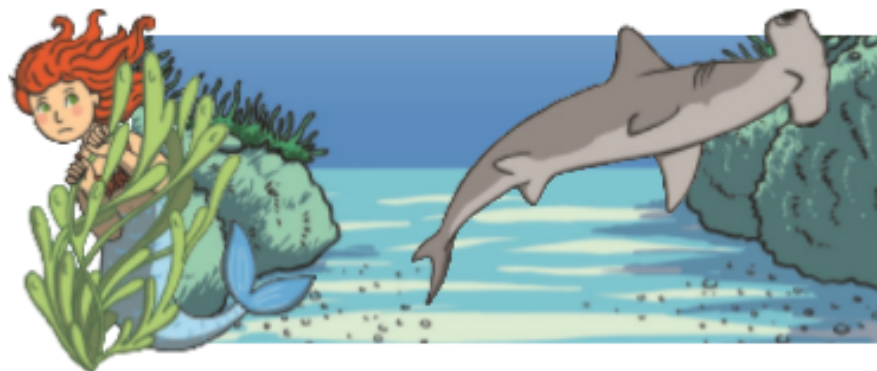


Diary of a Mermaid

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Friday 12th June

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27 the bright, beautiful sunshine. Mother asked me to visit
40 my grandma on the other side of the bay. On the way, I
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59 grumpy, old shark lives. I didn't want to wake him
70 because I have heard that he is very snappy! I also
79 collected some beautiful shells to cheer up Grandma. At
88 Grandma's house, she looked very poorly but the shells
100 cheered her up. On the way home, I sung a happy tune
109 that Grandma had taught me. Unfortunately, I forgot to
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Quick Questions



1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?



2. Find and copy the expanded noun phrase used to describe the sunshine.



3. Explain why the mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck.



4. What do you think might happen next?

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Answers



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The mermaid went to visit her grandma.



2. Find and copy the expanded noun phrase used to describe the sunshine.

the bright, beautiful sunshine



3. Explain why the mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck.

The mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck because she did not want to wake up the grumpy, old shark.



4. What do you think might happen next?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, such as: I think that the grumpy, old shark will wake up and chase the mermaid but she will be saved by her family.



Dilly and the Three Monsters

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22 One day, Dilly went for a walk in the mountains and
32 found a cave made from chocolate. He knocked on the
42 wall but nobody answered so he went inside. At the
52 table, there were three bowls of hot soup. Dilly tasted
63 the soup from the large bowl. "This soup is too thick!"
73 he cried. He tasted the soup from the medium bowl.
83 "This soup is too lumpy!" he moaned. Then, he tasted
94 the soup from the small bowl. This soup was just right
106 so he ate it all up. As he was eating, the three
115 monsters came home. Dilly was so surprised that he
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Firey Dragon Jelly

9 Did you know that dragons love to eat jelly?

12 You Will Need:

17 • two packets of red jelly;

19 • hot water;

22 • nine hot chillies;

24 • hot sauce.



25 Method:

37 1. Break up the cubes of jelly and place them into a
38 bowl.

46 2. Add hot water to the jelly cubes.

54 3. Quickly, mix until the liquid is smooth.

62 4. Chop up the chillies into small pieces.

70 5. Mix the chillies into the jelly liquid.

79 6. Carefully, pour the jelly liquid into a mould.

88 7. Pop the mixture into the fridge to set.

100 8. To serve, pour hot sauce over the top of the jelly.

112 **Do not make this jelly for your party. It is only a**
116 **tasty snack for dragons!**

Quick Questions



1. How many hot chillies do you need to add to the jelly?



2. Why is the word 'carefully' used when pouring the jelly liquid?



3. Why do you think that dragons like chillies and hot sauce with their jelly?



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You need to add nine hot chillies to the jelly.

2. Why is the word 'carefully' used when pouring the jelly liquid?

The word carefully is used when pouring the jelly liquid to remind the reader to take care and to not spill the hot liquid.

3. Why do you think that dragons like chillies and hot sauce with their jelly?

Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, such as: I think that dragons like chillies and hot sauce because some dragons breathe fire and the chillies make the jelly hot and fiery.

4. Using 20 words or fewer, sum up why you should not make this jelly for your party.

Accept any reasonable summary using 20 words or fewer, such as: This jelly is not suitable for your party because the chillies and hot sauce will make it too spicy.