

JOLLY PHONICS READER: Fiction: The Little Merman

Q1. Choose an adjective from the box to complete the sentences about the story:

old	sharp	strong	gloomy
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- The mermen had _____ tails which they use to flip the shells.
- The weed forest was green and _____.
- The shark had big, _____ teeth.
- There was an _____ cannon and a chest inside the ship.

Q2. Verbs with -ing

Add the correct form of verb in brackets:

- The supporters were _____(cheer) the mermen during the game.
- Sol had an odd _____(feel) that someone was looking at him.
- Sol had been _____(swim) but he could not find Chips.
- The long, dark shark was _____(look) at Sol.

Q3. Using "and" to Join Sentences

Join the two short sentences into one using the word **and**:

- Sol tossed a shell. It floated into a thick forest.

- The weed forest was green. It was gloomy.

Q4. Read the passage from the book and answer the questions below:

Sol was just in time to see the tail shoot into a small hole in the side of a sunken ship. He swam up to it and peeped into the hole. It was dark inside the ship. Chips, called Sol softly.

- Whose tail was it?

b. Why did Sol go inside the sunken ship?

c. Who was following Sol?

Q5. Read the following lines carefully:

Chips still did not come back, but Sol had an odd feeling that something or someone was looking at him. He looked around but there was no one to be seen. He shook his head and swam bravely on.

i. The phrase 'odd feeling' means:

- a. a strange feeling
- b. a scary feeling
- c. a sick feeling
- d. an angry feeling

ii. Which words in the lines above create mystery (tick any two options)

- a. "something or someone was looking at him"
- b. "He shook his head"
- c. "He looked around"
- d. "There was no one to be seen" and "shook his head"

iii. Find two verbs written in past tense in the lines above

Q6. Match the words with their meaning.

Words	Meanings
merman	extremely scared
gloomy	to shut (a door, window or lid)
tossed	past tense of shake
shook	throw
terrified	dark
slammed	the male of a mermaid

Q7. Describe the character of Sol using 2 adjectives.

caring loyal brave curious playful

Q8. Read the lines and answer the questions.

Sol gave his pet a big hug. Just then the cabin shook and a pointed nose slammed into the hole in the side of the ship. It was a long nose with big sharp teeth. It was a shark!

Choose the correct answer.

1. **Pet** means:
 - a) a wild animal
 - b) an animal you take care of
 - c) a place
2. **Shook** means:
 - a) stayed still
 - b) moved back and forth
 - c) went to sleep
3. **Pointed** means:
 - a) round
 - b) soft
 - c) sharp at the end
4. **Slammed** means:
 - a) closed gently
 - b) hit hard
 - c) walked slowly

Q9. Adjectives

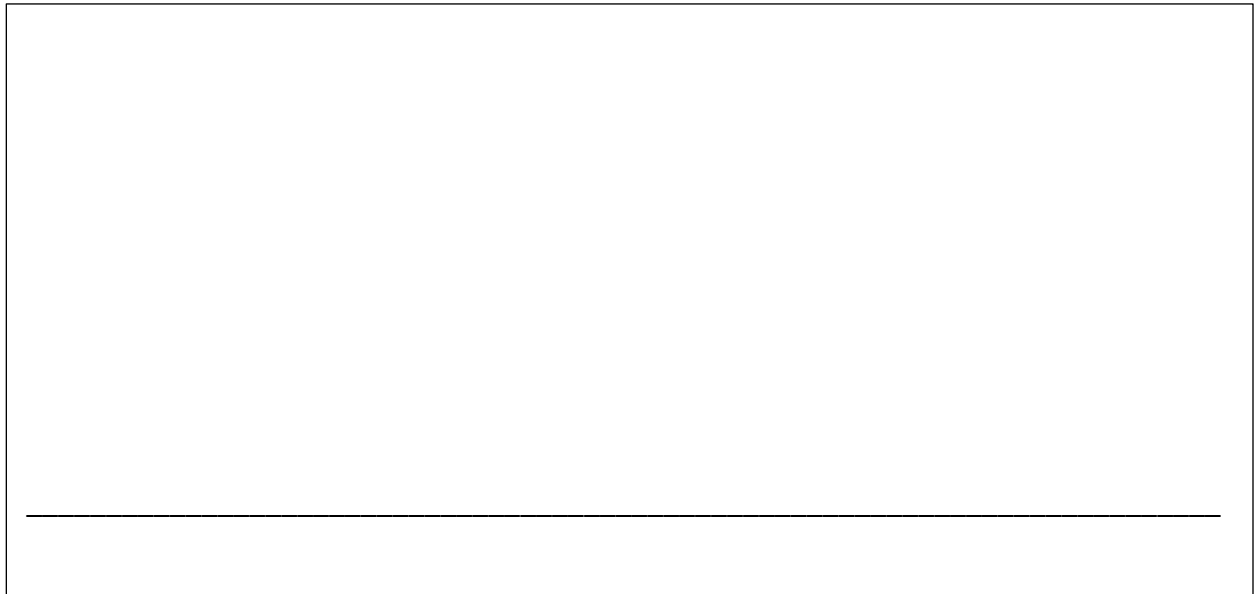
(Adjectives are describing words.)

A. Circle the adjectives in the sentences:

1. Sol gave his pet a big hug.
2. It was a long nose.
3. The shark had big, sharp teeth.

Q10. Draw a picture of the shark and write one sentence:

👉 ***The shark has big teeth.***



Q11. Read the lines and answer the questions.

“I am sorry the game took so long,” said his dad. “Were you very bored?”

Sol gave Chips a quick wink. “Not very,” he replied.

1. Why did Dad say he was sorry?

- a. He was angry
- b. The game took a long time
- c. Sol was late

2. Why did Dad ask if Sol was bored?

- a. He wanted to play again
- b. Sol was waiting for a long time
- c. Sol was sleeping

3. Sol winked at Chips. What does this mean?

- a. Sol was tired
- b. Sol had a secret
- c. Sol was scared

4. When Sol said “Not very,” how do you think he really felt?

- a. Very bored
- b. A little bored but okay
- c. Angry

5. Why did Sol wink instead of telling Dad everything?

- a. He forgot the words
- b. He wanted to keep a secret with Chips
- c. He was shy

6. How did Dad feel?

- a. Happy
- b. Sorry
- c. Excited

7. How did Sol feel while waiting?

- a. Very bored
- b. A little bored but okay
- c. Sad

8. How do you think Chips felt when Sol winked?

- a. Confused
- b. Happy to share a secret
- c. Scared