

Learning Support

The Mermaid

1. Retell the story in your own words.

2. Number these sentences in the **correct order**.

- _____ Joseph lifted her in his arms and carried her out to sea.
- _____ Joseph said no. He wanted to stay on dry land.
- _____ One day, Joseph heard a cry for help.
- _____ "Help me back to the sea, or I will surely die," she cried.
- _____ A beautiful mermaid was stranded in a rock pool.
- _____ "Why don't you come with me?" she said.



3. Join up the words with the **opposite** meaning.

- | | | | |
|-----------|-------|---------|-------------|
| mermaid | false | pushing | unimportant |
| important | cried | tiny | merman |
| pulling | true | laughed | huge |

4. Read these sentences and answer **True** or **False**.

The mermaid gave Joseph a pearl comb.

She promised to come if he combed his hair with it.

Joseph told no one about the mermaid.

One night, a boat was wrecked in a storm.

Joseph rowed his tiny boat out to sea.

The villagers helped him rescue all the sailors.

Then Joseph rowed back and dived into the sea.

5. Here are two pictures from the story. Write about what is **happening** in each picture.




