



Comprehension activity

SHELLY THE MERMAID



Once upon a time, in the magical underwater kingdom of Coralville, there lived a little mermaid named Shelly. Shelly was not like other mermaids who loved to swim and play all day. Shelly had a special dream - she wanted to learn how to sing!

Every morning, Shelly would sit on a shiny rock near her coral home and listen to the gentle waves and the laughter of fish. She dreamed of singing with the same joy and happiness she felt in her heart. One day, as she **hummed** a tune, her friend Finley, a friendly fish, swam by.

"Hi, Shelly! What are you doing?" Finley asked.

"I want to learn how to sing, Finley. I want my voice to be as beautiful as the sea," Shelly replied with a twinkle in her eyes.

Finley smiled and said, "I know just the person who can help you - Melody, the wise old dolphin! She knows everything about music and singing."

Excited, Shelly and Finley swam to the Dolphin Dome, where Melody lived. Melody welcomed them with a cheerful squeak.

"Hello, Shelly! Finley! How can I help you today?"

Melody asked.

Shelly shared her dream of learning to sing, and Melody nodded knowingly. "Singing is a wonderful gift. Let's start with some scales and **melodies**. Follow my lead!"



And so, every day, Shelly practiced with Melody. They sang with the seahorses, danced with the jellyfish, and even **serenaded** the sleepy turtles. Shelly's voice became more beautiful with each passing day. One sunny afternoon, Shelly gathered all her friends for a special concert near the Rainbow Reef. The news of Shelly's singing talent spread, and sea creatures from all around came to listen. As Shelly began to sing, her voice echoed through the ocean, bringing joy and **harmony** to everyone who heard it. From that day on, Shelly's singing became a treasure of Coralville. She and her friends formed an underwater band, creating melodies that filled the sea with happiness. And whenever Shelly sang, the ocean would sparkle with the magic of her voice. And so, in the magical kingdom of Coralville, Shelly the singing mermaid lived happily ever after, sharing her gift with all her underwater friends.

Hummed - make a noise	Melodies - music	Serenaded - sing
Harmony - sounds working well together		



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Shelly dreams to be able to sing.

2. Where does Shelly like to sit and listen to the waves and fish laughter?

Shelly liked to sit on the rocks and listen to the waves and fish laughter.

3. Where does Shelly hold her special concert for all her friends?

Shelly held a concert near the Rainbow Reef.

4. What happens when she starts singing?

She brought joy and harmony to everyone.

5. How does the story end?

Shelly continued to sing sharing her gift with all her underwater friends.