

CHAPTER 1

At the **bottom** of the sea, there is a beautiful world. There are sea plants and sea animals. Blue, yellow and red fish swim in the water. **Mermaids** live in this world. They don't have legs. They have a fish's **tail**, so they can swim in the water. There was once a Sea King in this world, and he had six beautiful daughters. They were mermaids. The mermaids lived with their father and their grandmother because their mother died many years before.

The six mermaids were all beautiful, but the youngest was the most beautiful. She had a pink face, and blue eyes and a long, blue fish's tail, and she sang beautifully. The sisters played together in their sea garden, and each sister made a different garden. One garden was like a fish; one garden was like a king, but the little mermaid made her garden like the sun. It was yellow with beautiful red flowers. The little mermaid didn't like noisy games like her sisters. She loved to sing, and she loved to make her garden beautiful.

bottom (noun) the lowest part or point of something

mermaid (noun) in stories, a creature with a woman's head and body and a fish's tail

tail (noun) a part at the back of an animal's body that sticks out



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One day, the little mermaid was in the garden with her grandmother.

‘Grandmother,’ she said. ‘Can you tell me about the other world?’

‘Well,’ said her grandmother, ‘In the other world, the water is in the sea and the rivers, but the people live on the land. They have legs, not a fish’s tail. They don’t swim in the water like us. They walk on the land. They have boats to travel on the water. There are lots of animals in the other world, and birds fly in the sky. The trees and plants are different from the ones in our world under the water.’

‘I would like to visit the other world,’ said the little mermaid.

‘When you’re fifteen, you can visit,’ said her grandmother. ‘You can see the people and their boats. You can see their trees, gardens and towns.’

‘That will be fun!’ said the little mermaid.

Soon after this, the oldest mermaid had her fifteenth birthday, and she visited the other world. When she came back, her sisters had lots of questions.

‘What colour are the people?’

‘What are legs?’

‘Are the gardens beautiful?’

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‘Yellow?’ said her sisters. ‘Not blue, like here?’

‘No. Yellow,’ said the oldest mermaid.

The next year, the second mermaid visited the other world.

‘Is it very beautiful?’ asked her sisters.

‘Yes,’ she answered. ‘I heard music, birds, and people talking.’

When the third mermaid went to the other world, she swam into a river and saw animals with four legs, and little children.

‘Oh, I would like to visit the other world and see these animals, little children and the big yellow sun,’ said the little mermaid.

The fourth mermaid stayed in the sea. She didn’t go to the river. She saw big boats and big birds.

‘And the sky is so big and blue,’ she said.

The fifth mermaid had her birthday in winter. When she visited the other world, she saw snow and ice.

‘The sea was green,’ she told her sisters.

All the sisters loved the other world when they visited the first time. But then they liked the world under the sea better, and they were happy to live there with the other mermaids.

On her fifteenth birthday, the little mermaid woke up very early.

‘Today, I can go to the other world,’ she thought. ‘I’ll see the yellow sun, the blue sky, the birds, the river, the people with two legs and animals with four legs.’

The little mermaid was very happy. She said goodbye to her sisters and her grandmother, swam to the top of the sea and put her head above the water.



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GRAMMAR QUIZZES

Quiz 1

Complete the sentences with *a*, *an* or *the*.

1. Madrid is capital of Spain.
2. Turn on the TV, please. match will start in a minute.
3. Ann is looking for job because she wants to work.
4. I was late to school today because I missed bus.
5. She wants to be engineer.
6. Mike doesn't have university degree.
7. The police are still looking for thief. They can't find him.
8. The guests will be here in hour.
9. I am really bored here. I am going for walk.
10. We went to cinema last night.
11. She is dentist and works at a clinic in Manchester.
12. food at that restaurant was so delicious.
13. Can you pass me pepper, please?
14. Can you turn off TV, please? It's bedtime.