Maisie and the Dolphin

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While reading

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1 **Answer these questions.**
   a How old is Maisie?
   b Where does she live?
   c Who lives with her?
   d What colour is her house?
   e Where is it?
   f Is it new?
   g Where does her mother work?
   h When does Maisie go out in her grandfather's boat?
   i What does Maisie find in the sea one day?
   j What is the American's name?

2 **What are they thinking? Write their words. How are they feeling?**

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3 **Write their names.**

4 **<u>Underline</u> the right words.**
   a (Where/When/Who) is Ben strong again?
   After three weeks.
   b (Where/Why/What) does she play with Ben?
   Games.
   c (What/Where/Who) is Maisie's friend?
   Ben.
   d (What/When/Who) do they take Ben to sea?
   The following day.
   e (Where/Why/When) does Grandad stop his boat?
   At half past ten.
   f (Where/When/Why) does Maisie put her hand?
   On Ben's head.
   g (When/Where/What) does Maisie find under the sea?
   A box with coins.

After reading

5 **Artwork**
Find pictures for a new book cover. Write some words about the story too.

6 **Write another name for the story.**

7 **Pair work**
Speak about one of the pictures in the book to another student. Don't let the other student see the picture. Can your friend find the right picture?

8 **Pair work**
Work with another student. Look at the pictures and talk about the story. Some things you say are wrong. Can your friend find what is wrong?

9 **Write**
You're new on the island and meet Maisie. Write a letter to a friend about Maisie.

10 **Pair work and role play**
Work with another student.
Student A: You're Maisie's friend. Ask her about Ben.
Student B: You're Maisie. Answer your friend's questions.

11 **Research and write**
Find pictures of girls, women and men. What pictures are OK for Maisie, her mother, her father, her grandfather and the American? Write a few words about them under the pictures. Show the pictures to your friends in class. Do they like them?

12 **Write**
You are Maisie and you are happy. You are not losing your house. Write a letter to a friend. Tell your friend about your life with Ben.

13 **Write some words about dolphins.**
What are they like? Where do they live? Why do people like them so much? With another student, make a picture about dolphins for the classroom.

14 **Write**
What can we do to help dolphins? How can they help us? Find out and write about this.

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1 Complete these sentences with one word.

a Maisie is ..... years old.
b She likes ..... music.
c Her father is a .....
d Her mother works at a .....
e The hospital is ..... to her house.
f Her ..... is blue.
g It's by the .....
h Maisie ..... her house.
i Maisie's ..... lives with her.

2 Match.

a Grandad …
b Maisie …
c Carl …
d Maisie's mother …
e Maisie's father …
f Ben …
g The Warm Wind …

1 is swimming in the sea.
2 is talking with the American.
3 has got a small cheap boat.
4 is Maisie's friend.
5 has got an expensive boat.
6 is a boat.
7 is a doctor.

3 One word is not right. Can you find it?

a grandfather – Grandad – fish – Dad
b pool – fish – dolphin – help
c wood – next to – under – near
d hospital – piece – doctor – ill
e Mother – Father – Carl – Grandad
f key – coins – boat – box

4 What happens first? Number the sentences 1–11.

a A big boat hits a dolphin. ☐
b Ben doesn't want to eat. ☐
c Maisie finds a piece of wood under the sea. ☐
d Maisie gives Ben a fish and Ben eats it. ☐
e She gives the name Ben to the dolphin. ☐
f Maisie swims back to the boat. ☐
g Maisie's mother is in the garden. ☐
h The American wants to buy Maisie's house and the hospital. ☐
i The boat drives away. ☐
j There's an American in Maisie's house. ☐
k They take the dolphin to the hospital. ☐

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5 Complete with the right word. Use the words in the box. There are nine words, but you can only use seven.

box	coins	follows	jump	jumps	key	sad	sell	well

a Ben is ..... again.
b Ben is leaving, and Maisie is .....
c Ben gives Maisie a .....
d Maisie goes under the sea and ..... back on the boat.
e Maisie ..... Ben.
f There's a ..... under the sea.
g Maisie's father doesn't want to ..... the house.

6 Are the following right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Ben is strong after three weeks. ☐
b Maisie's mother talks with her about Ben. ☐
c Maisie is losing Ben and her house. ☐
d Maisie and her father take Ben to the sea. ☐
e Ben has got an old key in his mouth. ☐
f Maisie goes under the sea with Ben. ☐
g Ben takes Maisie to a box. ☐
h Maisie can't open the box. ☐
i Maisie finds a lot of gold coins. ☐
j Maisie's father sells the house. ☐
k Ben goes back to the hospital. ☐

7 Find the wrong word.

a Ben has a short red line on his head.
b Maisie and Ben are not good friends.
c She doesn't plays games with him.
d Maisie's grandfather takes Ben to the cold sea.
e Maisie sees a small key.
f Ben is swimming between two black stones.
g Maisie finds two gold coins in the box.
h Maisie is not happy again.
i Maisie and her Grandad laugh when they do see Ben again.

8 Write: What's your story?

Maisie goes underwater but she cannot open the box with the key. What happens? What does Ben do?

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