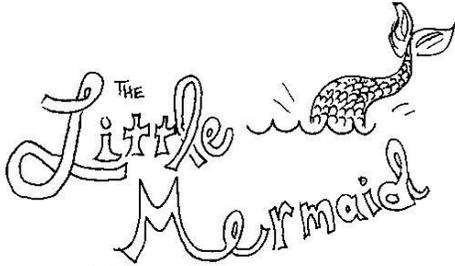


The Little Mermaid

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To the Student: The pictures below show the story of *The Little Mermaid*, but it is mixed up. Inside the bubbles, number the story so that it will be in the correct order. The first page has seven paragraphs that must be numbered 1-7 in the bubbles. The next page continues the story and is to be numbered 8-13, and so on.



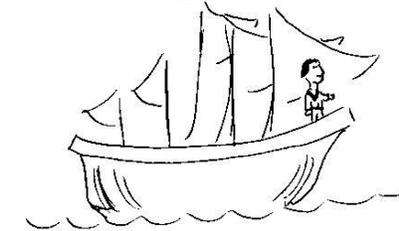
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Ariel's father was the king of all the mer-people. He gave his daughters everything they wanted, except for one thing.

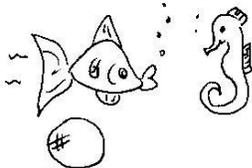
One day she broke her father's rule. She couldn't wait any longer - she was dying to see the world beyond the water's edge.



Ariel was a beautiful mermaid. She lived at the bottom of the ocean with her sisters.



Then she saw something very peculiar - it was a ship! On the ship was the most handsome man Ariel had ever seen. And he had legs!



He never allowed his daughters to go to the surface of the water. "Humans are dangerous!" he always insisted.

When she finally rose to the surface, Ariel was in awe. She gazed at the sky, the clouds, the sun - so many things she had never seen before!

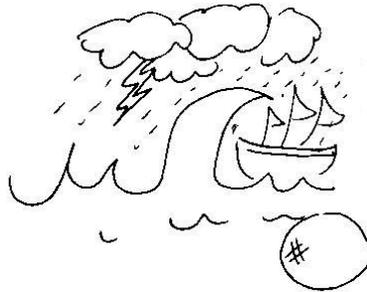
Ariel was very unhappy because there was only one thing she wanted - to explore the world on land. She dreamed of seeing cities and meeting people.



"I have to rescue him!" thought Ariel. She found the man among the wild waves and lugged him to shore. While she waited for him to wake up, she sang him a song. Gazing at his face, she knew she would never be content to live in the ocean. She belonged on land!



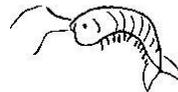
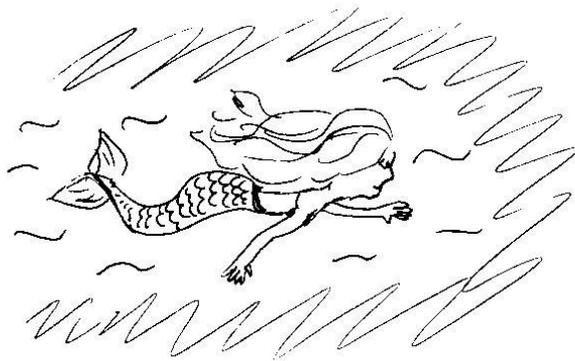
Ariel was so angry that she never wanted to see her father again. She was determined to become a human and live on land. This meant that she had to find the sea witch.



Suddenly, clouds covered the sun, the wind began to blow, and rain started to pour down from the sky. Huge waves rocked the boat.



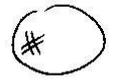
The man stirred and mumbled something. Ariel quickly dove back into the water and returned to the ocean bottom. Her father was waiting for her.



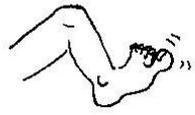
"You betrayed me!" her father yelled furiously. "You must never go to the surface again!"

An especially powerful wave crashed into the boat and knocked the young man into the water. He was unconscious!





Ariel woke up on the shore. She had legs and knees and feet and ankles and toes and even toenails! She was overjoyed.



The sea witch was willing to transform Ariel's tail into legs. But in return for helping her, the sea witch demanded Ariel's beautiful voice.



Ariel tried to explain that she was the one who rescued him, but she couldn't speak! Sadly, she had no voice. "My name is Eric," said the man. "You look so familiar!"

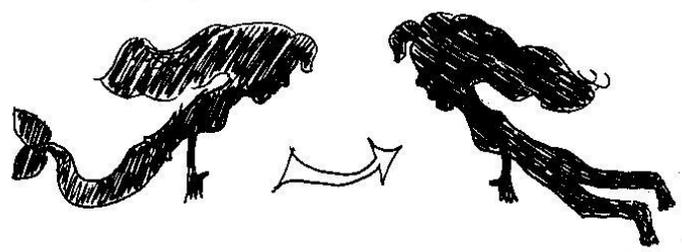


Eric took Ariel to his mansion and invited her to stay with him. For the next three days, they had a wonderful time together. Eric showed Ariel all around the city. They went dancing and even took a romantic canoe ride.

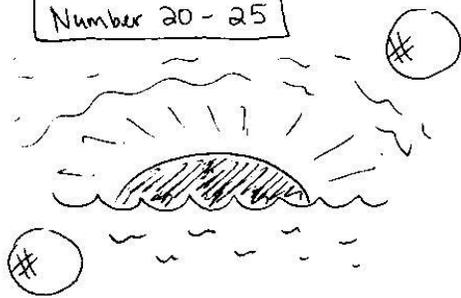
"And one more thing," the sea witch added with a nasty grin. "You must kiss the man you love in three days. Then you will be a human permanently! But if you don't, you will be my prisoner." The witch laughed as she transformed Ariel into a human.



She was even happier when she saw the handsome man walking on the beach. "Do you need help?" he asked, approaching Ariel.



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So she decided to take action. On the third day, the sea witch transformed herself into a beautiful, mysterious girl and strolled along the beach singing. She immediately attracted Eric's attention.

The sun sank lower and lower in the sky, and the wedding ceremony began. Ariel watched with tears in her eyes.



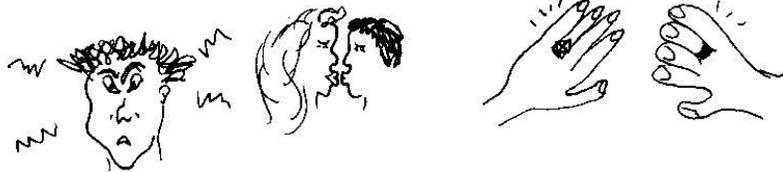
Ariel panicked. This was terrible! Her true love was going to marry someone else, and at sunset, she would become the sea witch's prisoner.



The sea witch observed everything Ariel did during the three days, and she noticed that Eric and Ariel were becoming very close. She was not pleased.

Suddenly, she heard a splash. She couldn't believe her eyes! It was her father. "My daughter," he said, "I just want you to be happy." He destroyed the witch's spell, and Eric woke up out of hypnosis. He ran to Ariel and kissed her just before the sun set.

"Thank you, father!" cried Ariel. "This is where you truly belong," said her father with a kind smile. And Ariel and Eric were married then and there.



Eric was instantly hypnotized by the witch's evil spell. "You are the one who rescued me!" he said. They made plans to be married immediately, at sunset, on the ship.