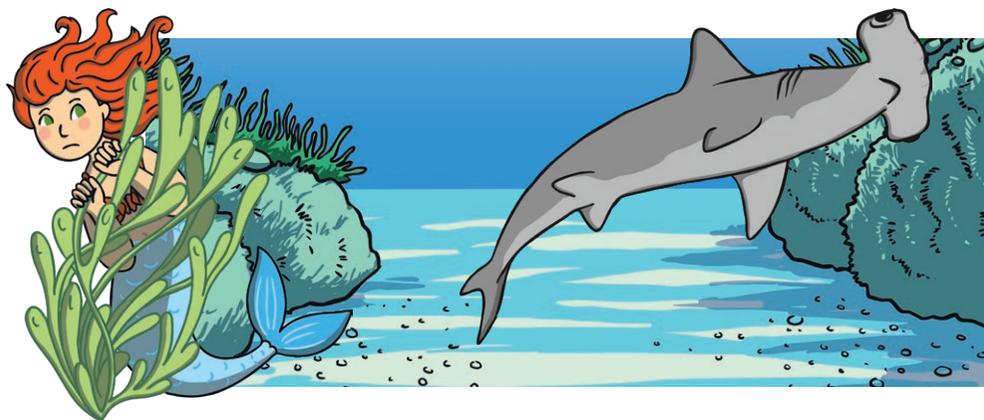


Diary of a Mermaid

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109 that Grandma had taught me. Unfortunately, I forgot to
115 swim quietly past the spooky shipwreck...



Quick Questions

1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?

2. Find and copy the expanded noun phrase used to describe the sunshine.

3. Explain why the mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck.

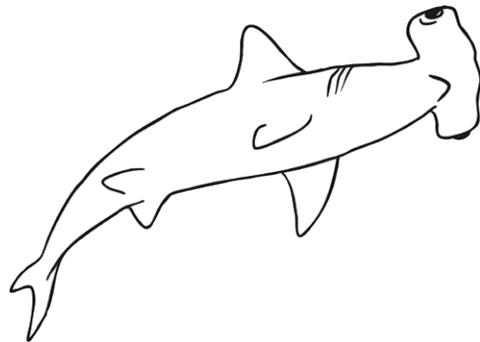
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Answers



1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?

The mermaid went to visit her grandma.



2. Find and copy the expanded noun phrase used to describe the sunshine.

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3. Explain why the mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck.

The mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck because she did not want to wake up the grumpy, old shark.



4. What do you think might happen next?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, such as: I think that the grumpy, old shark will wake up and chase the mermaid but she will be saved by her family.