

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out
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Chloe's Adventure to Merlantis



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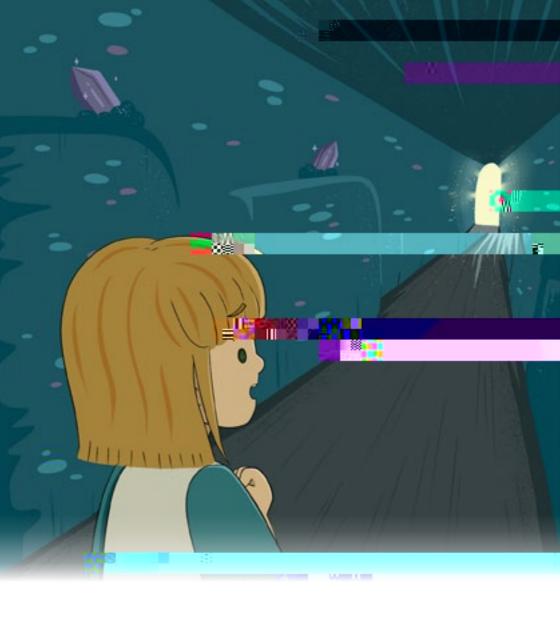
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"Can I go and explore?" Chloe asked her mum. Her mum was lying in the sunshine reading a book. "Of course, you can. Just be safe," she said.



Chloe made her way down the beach and found a cave.





There was something a bit farther into the cave. Chloe had to see what it was! She was so afraid, her tummy began to hurt. She took a deep breath and stepped in.

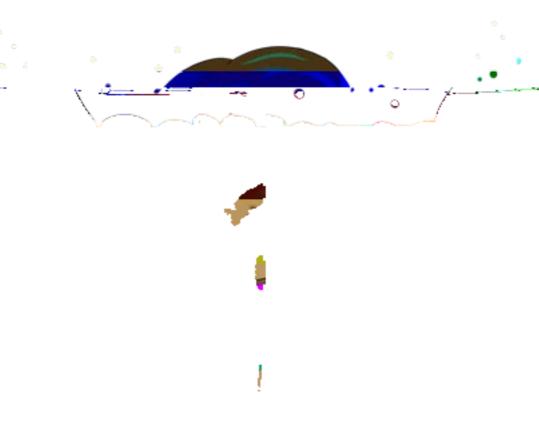
The water glistened like crystal. Chloe got closer to it and looked into the water. She



Her hand slipped and she fell sideways, hitting her head and chin on the ground.

"Ouch," said Chloe. "That is going to be a headache," she said, rubbing it better.

"Are you hurt?" someone said from the other side of the cave. Chloe jumped, surprised to hear another voice. She looked up to see a boy swimming in the pool.



- "Who are you and how did you get in here?" asked Chloe, looking confused.
- "I am Christian. I swam here," he said with a cheeky smile.







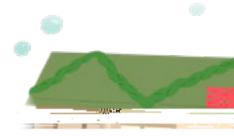
"Follow me, I'll show you," said Christian. He hee whe h" h o e*b ' < e 3 4 h



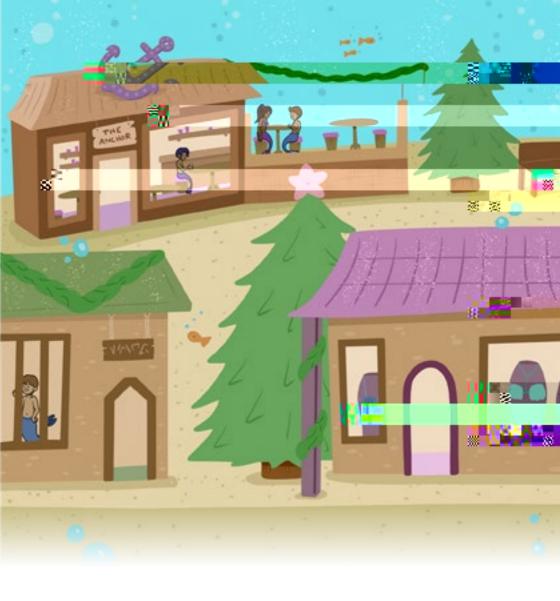
Christian scooped some water into his hand and blew on it. A bubble began to form. He placed it over Chloe's head. "You will be able to breathe now," he said.



Chloe jumped into the water and dunked her head under. She could breathe! Christian took Chloe's hand and helped her to swim to the bottom of the pool. He clicked his fingers.







Chloe looked around at the different shops.

There was a school with children playing in the playground. There was a chemist, a coffee shop, a clam shop, and a restaurant called 'The Anchor'.



Chloe turned her nose up at it.

"Just try it!" said Christian. Chloe pushed the straw through her air bubble and took a sip. It tasted like cherries.

"Yummy!" said Chloe.





"We are going to head back now," said Christian. "Your family will be looking for you."

"I do not want to leave yet," said Chloe.

"I am having so much fun."

They made their way back to the pool.

Christian clicked his fingers and they were back inside the cave.

- "Thank you for an amazing day," said Chloe.
- "Come back soon?" asked Christian.





- "I promise," said Chloe. Christian waved goodbye and swam away.
- "There you are! I have been looking everywhere for you," said Chloe's mum.
- " Where have you been?"



"I met a merman called Christian and he took me to the Christmas market in Merlantis," said Chloe. "I tried a seaweed slush that tasted like cherries. It was so yummy!"

- "It sounds like you had an amazing day," said Chloe's mum.
- "It was an adventure," said Chloe.
- "You can tell me all about it on the way home," said Chloe's mum.



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- 1. What did Chloe find deep in the cave?
- 2. How was Chloe able to breathe under the water?
- 3. What was the name of the restaurant?
 - (a) The Anchor
 - (b) The Big Fish
 - (c) The Water Hole
- 4. What new things did Chloe try in Merlantis?
- 5. Chloe told her mum all about her adventure in Merlantis. What would you do if you found a whole new world?

