

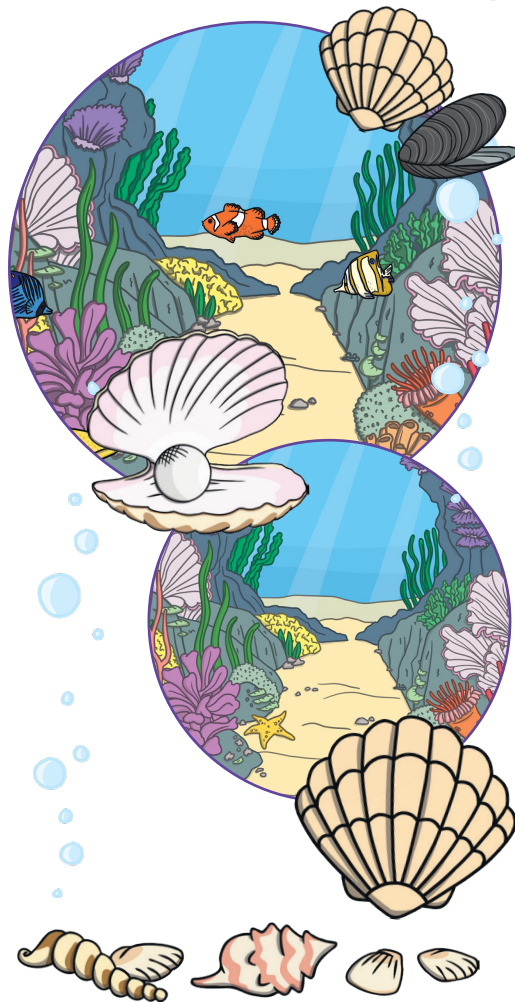


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18 to look and peep.

23 I peek at big fish
28 that lurk. I feel fear.
32 I might be lunch
37 if they get too near!

42 I sit in the dark,
46 still, not in sight.
51 For if they see me...
55 Bang! I'll shut tight!



Read Together Quick Questions



1. What do you think the phrase 'down in the deep' means?



2. Fill in the missing word.

I peek at big fish that _____.



3. Look at the second verse. Why do you think the shellfish feels fear?



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Answers



1. What do you think the phrase 'down in the deep' means?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the phrase 'down in the deep' means at the bottom of the sea.



2. Fill in the missing word.

I peek at big fish that lurk.



3. Look at the second verse. Why do you think the shellfish feels fear?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the shellfish feels fear because it thinks that the big fish might eat it for lunch.



4. What happens last in the poem?

The shellfish quickly closes its shell at the end of the poem.