

2nd & 3rd Grade

# Fiction Review

## Catch the Mermaid Escape Room



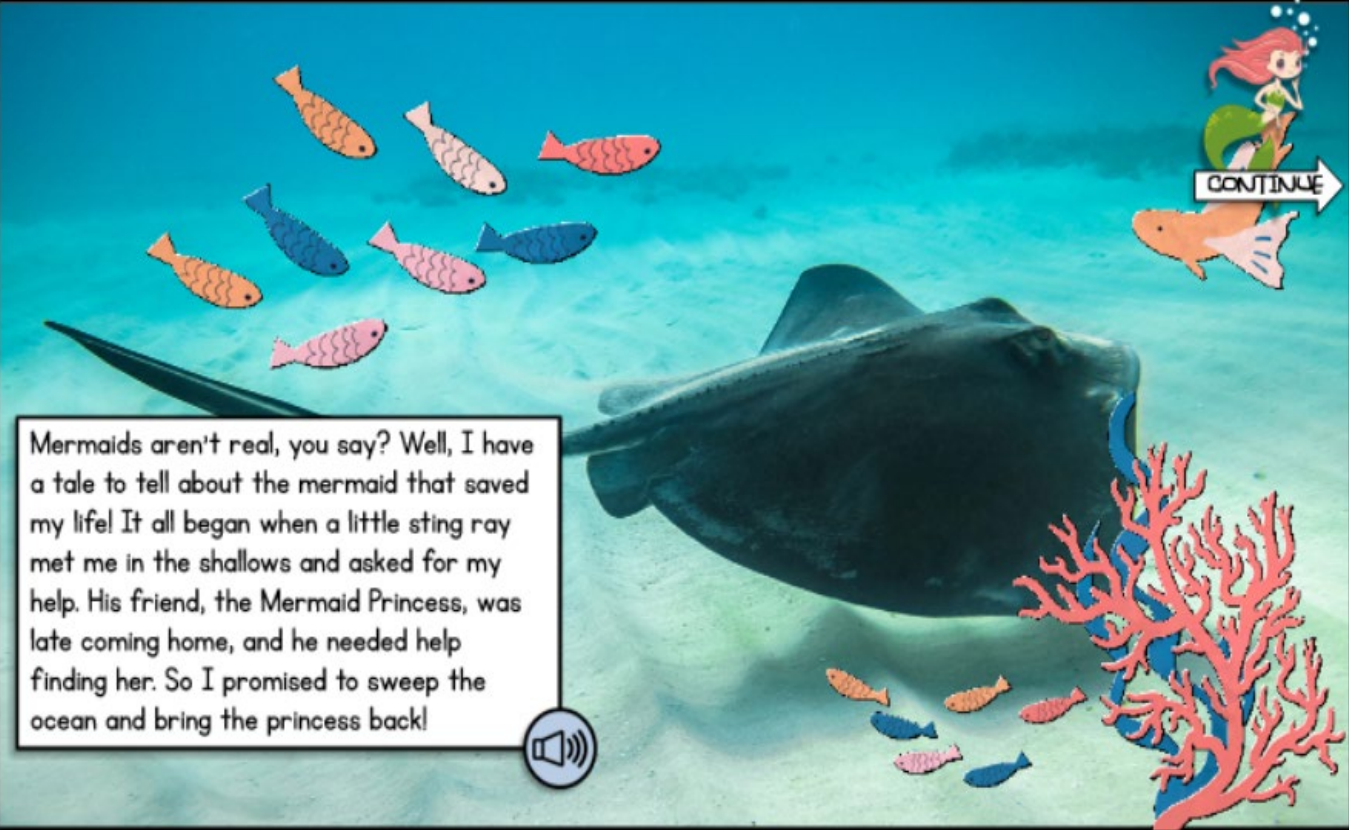
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# Mermaids!

Students won't realize they are practicing Fiction Review skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.



Mermaids aren't real, you say? Well, I have a tale to tell about the mermaid that saved my life! It all began when a little sting ray met me in the shallows and asked for my help. His friend, the Mermaid Princess, was late coming home, and he needed help finding her. So I promised to sweep the ocean and bring the princess back!

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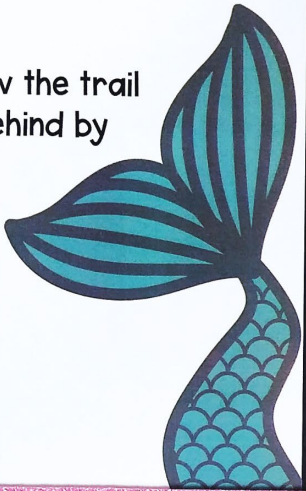


## Challenge #2

Read the fiction passages and answer the questions.

Use your answers to follow the trail of human treasures left behind by the mermaid princess.

Collect a shell after the challenge to remember your trip by.



### Secrets of the Breeze



The wind is a whisper,  
sharing secrets with the sky.  
How lucky am I  
to hear them too?

I promise not to tell  
what I've learned,  
but how I've yearned  
to do just that.

The birds look at me,  
wondering what I know  
and how far I'll go  
to protect these truths.

I'm tempted to spill  
like a glass overturned.  
Then trust will be burned,  
the wind's gifts gone.

I won't betray the wind  
for she has trusted me  
with what others don't see,  
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The key to hearing  
the messages that have blown  
is to go off on your own  
and welcome in nature.

If you want to know  
the secrets of the breeze,  
spend time among trees  
and listen to the wind.

1. Which statement best describes this poem?
  - a. This poem is organized into seven stanzas. Each stanza has four lines.
  - b. The poem's organization makes it confusing for the reader.
  - c. This poem is organized into seven paragraphs. There are rhyming words used throughout the poem.
  - d. The poem has clear beginning, middle, and end events.
2. Read this stanza from the poem.

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like a glass overturned.  
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What is the meaning of the underlined lines in this stanza?

  - a. They're too unsteady and they might spill the water.
  - b. They want to share the secrets they've been holding on to.
  - c. They're thirsty and need some water.
  - d. They want to put out the fire with a glass of water.
3. What are examples of words that rhyme in the poem?
  - a. see and time
  - b. trees and wind
  - c. spill and overturned
  - d. breeze and trees

# 4 Reading Challenges

- Challenges focused on Context Clues
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 8 fiction passages
- Multiple choice questions
- Passages in 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Text Complexity band (420L-820L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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## Challenge #1

Read the fiction passages and answer the questions.

Use your answers to search the kelp for the Mermaid Princess.

### Jeff getting a cat?

Jeff was excited for a cat when he saw one at the shelter and his moms agreed to buy him one. His moms surprised him with a special treat for helping at the animal shelter.

It was his 11th birthday and his moms had told him that he could get a pet when he turned 11.

His friends were getting cats and he wanted one too.

How does Jeff feel about choosing a cat from the shelter?

It didn't like it was hard to make a decision because he wanted them all.

## The Birthday Cat

Jeff wandered through the animal shelter's cat section. He couldn't believe his moms were going to let him have a pet. They'd said he could get a cat when he turned eleven, but he'd changed their mind. To his surprise, however, they'd shown up in his room this morning with all the cat things! They came in holding a litter box, a bag of food, a leash and harness, and a bag of cat toys.

"Happy birthday, Jeff!" Mama had said, sitting on the edge of Jeff's bed. She had gone ahead and sang the whole "Happy Birthday" song. "Happy birthday, Jeff!" Dad had said, "and let's have some birthday pancakes! Then we'll take you to the park with your new friend."

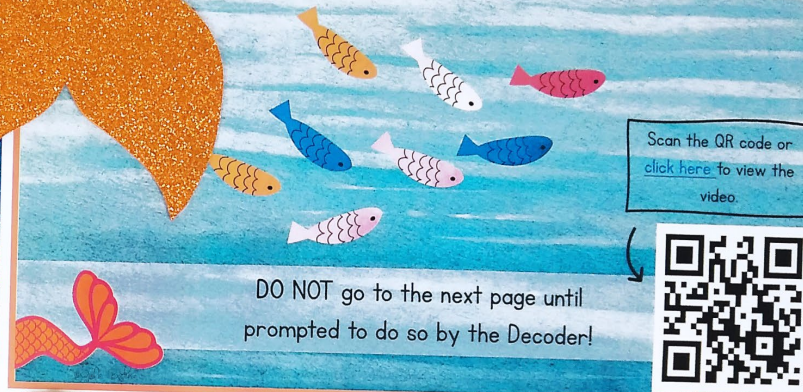
Jeff knew he was having a hard time. He had passed each cat many times. They were all so cute and fluffy, and he really just wanted one. But he wouldn't go for that, though.

He wandered around some more, some of the cats were meowing loudly, and others were just sitting there. What did that mean? Were the loud ones trying to get his attention? Were they looking for someone else?

Jeff wandered around to find his moms and ask them for help. He couldn't make this choice by himself. He was walking towards them, a tiny, black paw reached out and poked at his left hand.

## Are you on the right track?

Enter your answers in the Mermaid Princess Decoder to see if you are on the right track!



# 4 Reading Challenges

- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep kids engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

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- Webscape™ (Our most popular experience)

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2.

## A Tale of Two

Miranda and Melissa packed their ice skates into their backpacks. Saturday was their favorite day of the week because they could go for practice. The twins were excellent skaters and gladly put on their skates for practice. As soon as their dad started the car, however, the girls argued.

"Figure skating is the best sport," Miranda said. She patted her bag containing her pretty white figure skates.

Melissa shook her head as she put on her hat with the best. It's more challenging." She patted her bag holding her hockey stick and the jersey.

Miranda scoffed. "I don't see you and your team skating on the ice that are perfectly timed to the beat of the music."

"That's because we're too busy slamming the puck into the net."

"Well, your cat sometimes wore even better shoes."

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He was nervous that  
the cat he chose would  
be the wrong one.

He felt like it was an  
easy decision and knew  
exactly which cat to  
choose right away.

He was too excited to  
make a decision and let  
his moms help him  
choose.



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<b>Format Type</b>	Printable	Digital	Digital
<b>Device</b>	N/A	Any Device	Any Device
<b>Required Prep</b>	Print & Go	Copy & Share	Zero Prep
<b>Student Answers</b>	Printable Answer Pamphlet	Google Sheets Decoder Tool	Integrated Challenge Hub
<b>Self Correcting</b>	Includes Answer Key	Self Correcting	Self Correcting
<b>Custom Videos</b>	QR Codes	Embedded You Tube	Embedded
<b>Audio Readings</b>	N/A	No Audio Readings	Contains Audio Readings
<b>Navigation</b>	N/A	Student Directed	Automatically Advancing
<b>Extras</b>	Early Finish Challenges	Movable Pieces	Interactive Animation

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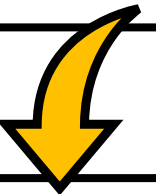




# Print

- Cut and paste stamps for each challenge
- Easy to follow
- Optimal for group or partner work
- Recording brochure for answers
- Self-checking decoder
- Certificate of completion

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## Mermaid Princess Decoder

Use the following codes for each challenge to collect your seashells and move to the next challenge.

### Challenge 1

Question 1  
a = We  
b = Just  
c = Several  
d = In

Question 2  
a = clown  
b = the  
c = past  
d = where

Question 3  
a = the  
b = middle  
c = fish  
d = it

Question 4  
a = dark  
b = then  
c = blue  
d = and

Question 5  
a = the  
b = ocean  
c = many  
d = treasure

Question 6  
a = floor  
b = anemones  
c = stingrays  
d = coral

### Challenge 2

Question 1  
a = She  
b = The  
c = I'm  
d = Well

Question 2  
a = noticed  
b = dream  
c = felt  
d = never

Question 3  
a = over  
b = then

Question 4  
a = beautiful  
b = bright

Question 5  
a = in  
b = around

Question 6  
a = there  
b = treasure  
c = human

### Challenge 3

Question 1  
a = The  
b = Well  
c = I  
d = No

Question 2  
a = had  
b = time  
c = she  
d = we

### Challenge 4

Question 1  
a = They  
b = If  
c = We  
d = The

Question 2  
a = we  
b = ha  
c = ge  
d = et

## Catch the Mermaid

Recording Brochure

Record your challenge answers during your adventure.

## CHALLENGE 3

	Answer	Code
1.	D	No,
2.	C	She
3.	A	Must
4.		
5.		
6.		

Did you spot the mermaid stuck in the...





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- OOPS! Cards for differentiation

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# Webscape <sup>TM</sup>



- Most interactive experience
- Self correcting
- Embedded videos
- Embedded audio
- Animation
- Simple navigation

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# Webescape™

- No log ins or sign ups
- Works with any device that has an internet connection and web browser
- Zero prep! Just share the link with your students.

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# Google Slides

- One problem per slide
- Students drag to highlight their answers

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1.

## Myra Brings the Light

Myra pulled the ancient key from her pocket as Gibby, her all-white German shepherd, stood by her side. "Where to today, Gibby?" Myra turned in a circle, looking at all the doors lining the great hall.

Gibby nosed a tall, skinny door that looked as though it was made of solid gold. The frame around the door had symbols on it. They looked like Egyptian hieroglyphics, but Myra had no idea what they meant. She slid the key into the lock and slowly turned it. She knew that something dangerous could be on the other side, so she opened it slowly, with caution. Just jumping in could be dangerous.

The door creaked open as most of them did. Darkness hit Myra's eyes first, then she saw a flickering light down a long tunnel. Gibby had already stepped past the entrance, her nose to the ground.

The two of them traveled carefully down the tunnel toward the light. When the tunnel opened up to a large cavern, they heard a soft cry. Myra scanned in the dim light, looking for someone. While doing so, she notices the floor to ceiling pictures painted on the rock walls. She stepped closer to inspect the images, but then noticed a young boy. He was hunched over something, and she headed toward him.

The boy jumped when Myra touched his shoulder, and he whipped around to face her. "Wh-who are you, and wh-why are you here?"

"I'm Myra, and I'm here because I chose to be." She held up the key, spinning it between her forefinger and thumb.

"This key is magic. It allows me to travel to different places and meet different people."

Slowly, the boy stood, his eyes fixed on the key, then on Myra. "They said the key would come." The boy pointed to the pictures on the walls, and he rushed past her to the far wall, slapping a hand onto one of the images. "The Ancients said you would come."

The image was of a young girl, who had long black hair just as Myra did. Beside the girl was a figure with a human body, but the head of a white wolf. It looked like Gibby. On a long chain around the girl's neck was the key Myra held in her hand. Behind the girl and wolf-human there was a bright star of light, painted in many different shades of yellow.

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# Google Slides

- Toggle to self-checking decoder
- Decoder will prompt at the end of each challenge whether students are correct or need to check their work.

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