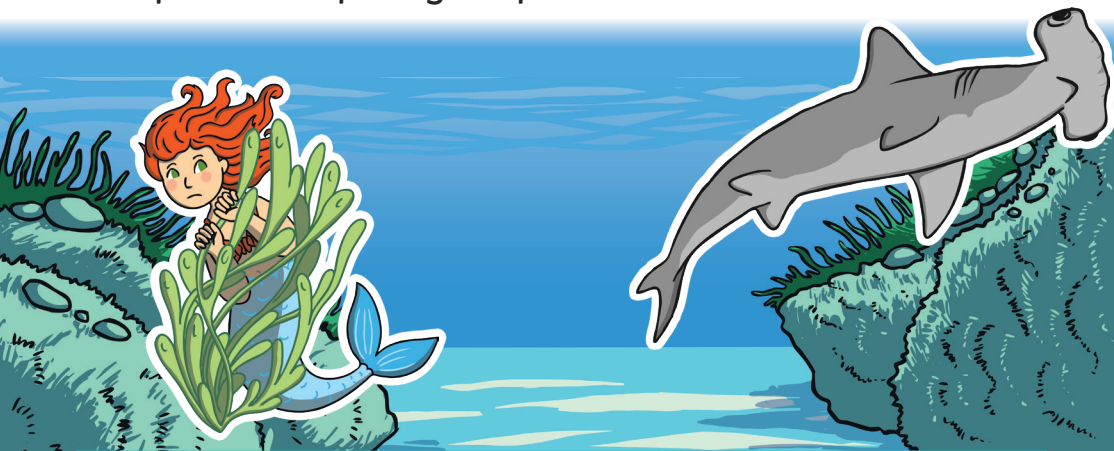


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## Questions



1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?

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

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3. Why did the mermaid swim quietly past the creepy shipwreck? Explain your answer.

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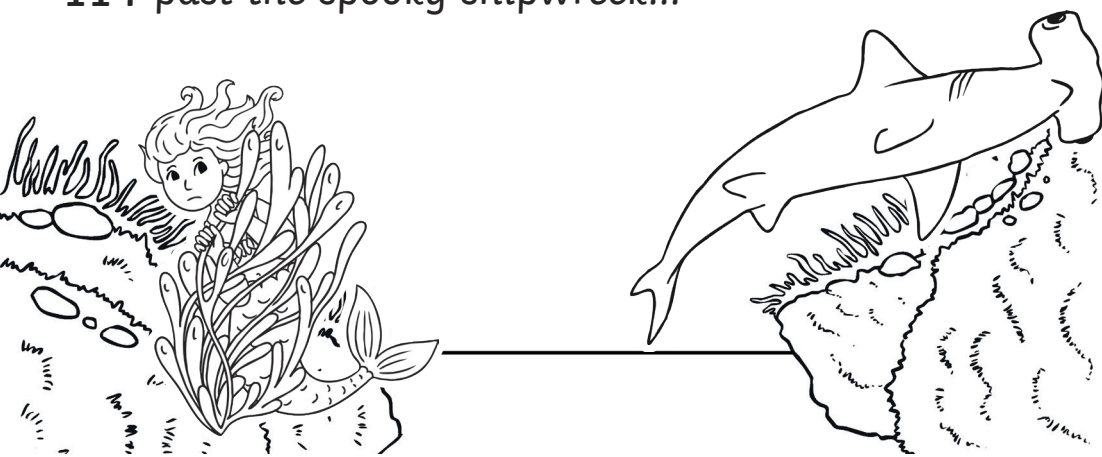
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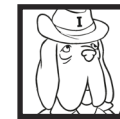
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**Pupils' own responses, such as: The mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck because she did not want to wake up the grumpy, old shark.**



4. What do you think might happen next?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the grumpy, old shark will wake up and chase the mermaid but she will be saved by her family.**