



# Maisie and the Dolphin

**Photocopiable****While reading****Pages 1–7****1 Answer these questions.**

- How old is Maisie?
- Where does she live?
- Who lives with her?
- What colour is her house?
- Where is it?
- Is it new?
- Where does her mother work?
- When does Maisie go out in her grandfather's boat?
- What does Maisie find in the sea one day?
- What is the American's name?

**2 What are they thinking? Write their words. How are they feeling?****Pages 8–15****3 Write their names.****4 Underline the right words.**

- (Where/When/Who) is Ben strong again?  
After three weeks.
- (Where/Why/What) does she play with Ben?  
Games.
- (What/Where/Who) is Maisie's friend?  
Ben.
- (What/When/Who) do they take Ben to sea?  
The following day.
- (Where/Why/When) does Grandad stop his  
boat?  
At half past ten.

**f** (Where/When/Why) does Maisie put her hand?

On Ben's head.

**g** (When/Where/What) does Maisie find under the sea?

A box with coins.

**After reading****5 Artwork**

Find pictures for a new book cover. Write some words about the story too.

**6 Write another name for the story.****7 Pair work**

Speak about one of the pictures in the book to another student. Don't let the other student see the picture. Can your friend find the right picture?

**8 Pair work**

Work with another student. Look at the pictures and talk about the story. Some things you say are wrong. Can your friend find what is wrong?

**9 Write**

You're new on the island and meet Maisie. Write a letter to a friend about Maisie.

**10 Pair work and role play**

Work with another student.

Student A: You're Maisie's friend. Ask her about Ben.

Student B: You're Maisie. Answer your friend's questions.

**11 Research and write**

Find pictures of girls, women and men. What pictures are OK for Maisie, her mother, her father, her grandfather and the American? Write a few words about them under the pictures. Show the pictures to your friends in class. Do they like them?

**12 Write**

You are Maisie and you are happy. You are not losing your house. Write a letter to a friend. Tell your friend about your life with Ben.

**13 Write some words about dolphins.**

What are they like? Where do they live? Why do people like them so much? With another student, make a picture about dolphins for the classroom.

**14 Write**

What can we do to help dolphins? How can they help us? Find out and write about this.



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## Pages 1–7

**1 Complete these sentences with one word.**

- a Maisie is ..... years old.
- b She likes ..... music.
- c Her father is a .....
- d Her mother works at a .....
- e The hospital is ..... to her house.
- f Her ..... is blue.
- g It's by the .....
- h Maisie ..... her house.
- i Maisie's ..... lives with her.

**2 Match.**

- a Grandad ...
- b Maisie ...
- c Carl ...
- d Maisie's mother ...
- e Maisie's father ...
- f Ben ...
- g The Warm Wind ...
  - 1 is swimming in the sea.
  - 2 is talking with the American.
  - 3 has got a small cheap boat.
  - 4 is Maisie's friend.
  - 5 has got an expensive boat.
  - 6 is a boat.
  - 7 is a doctor.

**3 One word is not right. Can you find it?**

- a grandfather – Grandad – fish – Dad
- b pool – fish – dolphin – help
- c wood – next to – under – near
- d hospital – piece – doctor – ill
- e Mother – Father – Carl – Grandad
- f key – coins – boat – box

**4 What happens first? Number the sentences 1–11.**

- a A big boat hits a dolphin.
- b Ben doesn't want to eat.
- c Maisie finds a piece of wood under the sea.
- d Maisie gives Ben a fish and Ben eats it.
- e She gives the name Ben to the dolphin.
- f Maisie swims back to the boat.
- g Maisie's mother is in the garden.
- h The American wants to buy Maisie's house and the hospital.
- i The boat drives away.
- j There's an American in Maisie's house.
- k They take the dolphin to the hospital.

## Pages 8–15

**5 Complete with the right word. Use the words in the box. There are nine words, but you can only use seven.**

box coins follows jump jumps key sad  
sell well

- a Ben is ..... again.
- b Ben is leaving, and Maisie is .....
- c Ben gives Maisie a .....
- d Maisie goes under the sea and ..... back on the boat.
- e Maisie ..... Ben.
- f There's a ..... under the sea.
- g Maisie's father doesn't want to ..... the house.

**6 Are the following right (✓) or wrong (X)?**

- a Ben is strong after three weeks.
- b Maisie's mother talks with her about Ben.
- c Maisie is losing Ben and her house.
- d Maisie and her father take Ben to the sea.
- e Ben has got an old key in his mouth.
- f Maisie goes under the sea with Ben.
- g Ben takes Maisie to a box.
- h Maisie can't open the box.
- i Maisie finds a lot of gold coins.
- j Maisie's father sells the house.
- k Ben goes back to the hospital.

**7 Find the wrong word.**

- a Ben has a short red line on his head.
- b Maisie and Ben are not good friends.
- c She doesn't plays games with him.
- d Maisie's grandfather takes Ben to the cold sea.
- e Maisie sees a small key.
- f Ben is swimming between two black stones.
- g Maisie finds two gold coins in the box.
- h Maisie is not happy again.
- i Maisie and her Grandad laugh when they do see Ben again.

**8 Write: What's your story?**

Maisie goes underwater but she cannot open the box with the key. What happens? What does Ben do?