

The Island of Serpents by Linda Chapman

On the beach

Alex and Olly are on a beach near an island.

Alex saw a sign. He went closer to read it as Olly started running towards the island.

BEWARE!
The Mermaid's song
will send you to sleep.
Then you shall drown
in waters deep.

Alex read the sign. "Olly!" he shouted. "Be careful!"

Olly started to yawn. She lay down and went to sleep!

Alex heard singing and started to feel sleepy too. He knew he had to block out the singing. But how?

Alex pulled out his earphones and put them on, then he put tissues in Olly's ears. She woke up.

Alex pulled Olly across the sands. When they reached the island, he explained. "The mermaids sing to send people to sleep, so they'll drown when the tide comes in!"

Olly shivered. "I don't like mermaids!"

"We'll be safe on this island," Alex said.

"Not that safe if the tide comes in!" Olly exclaimed.



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1 What does the word “BEWARE” tell you about the sign?

Choose **one**.

It is explaining something.

It is giving information.

It is giving a warning.

It is telling a joke.

1d

1 mark

2 What happened to make Alex start to feel sleepy?

1b

1 mark

3 “He knew he had to block out the singing.”

What do the words “block out” mean he had to do?

Choose **one**.

enjoy the singing

not listen to the singing

sing loudly himself

stop the singing

1a

1 mark

4 **Find and copy** two things Alex used so they could not hear the mermaid.

1b

1 mark

5 Why did Olly say she does not like mermaids?

1d

1 mark

6 Number these events to show the order they happened in the story.

Alex pulled Olly across the sands.

Alex put on his earphones.

Alex shouted, “Be careful!”

Alex put tissues in Olly’s ears.

1c

1 mark