COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Mimi Music Box and the Whale Song

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Mimi listens for a whale song and helps friends make a quiet rhythm.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Mimi Music Box sat on a rock beside the sea. Far across the water, a young whale named Willow sang one long, low note.

Part 2

Mimi’s friends clapped and banged shells to answer. Their noise was so busy that Willow’s next song could not be heard.

Part 3

Mimi gently closed her lid and listened without playing. Everyone became quiet enough to hear the waves: hush, swish, hush.

Part 4

Willow lifted her head and sang again: ‘Ooooo.’ Mimi played three soft notes, leaving a little listening space after each one.

Part 5

The friends copied Mimi. One tapped a shell, one shook two pebbles, and then everyone paused to listen.

Part 6

Willow answered with a happy whale song. The quiet spaces let her voice travel clearly over the water.

Part 7

Mimi played the three notes once more. Willow lifted her tail and splashed gently in time with the final note.

Part 8

The friends bowed toward the sea. They learned that music is not only making sounds; music also means listening and leaving room for others.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. Who sang across the water?

A. A little mouse	B. Willow the whale	C. A yellow duck

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. What made Willow hard to hear?

A. Soft waves	B. Quiet listening	C. Busy loud noises

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What sound did the waves make?

A. Hush, swish, hush	B. Choo, choo, choo	C. Ring, ring, ring

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. How many soft notes did Mimi play?

A. One	B. Three	C. Ten

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. What did Willow lift?

A. A red flag	B. A basket	C. Her tail

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. B - Willow the whale

Willow sang a long, low note.

2. C - Busy loud noises

The clapping and banging covered her song.

3. A - Hush, swish, hush

The friends heard the gentle waves.

4. B - Three

Mimi answered with three notes.

5. C - Her tail

Willow lifted her tail for the last note.

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.