## **ENGLISH**

## THE MERMAIDS' LAGOON



Lagoon – a body of water cut off from a larger body by a reef of sand
Bask – lie down and relax in the sun
Turn of the moon – the new moon (occurs once a month)
Gaily – merrily/ happily





## LEARN

- · Listen to the text being read.
- Make a note of the key vocabulary and use the context of each sentence to work out any unknown words.
- Model response Q4 Explain, using evidence from the text, why some readers may think that Wendy is jealous of the mermaids.
- Some readers may think that Wendy is jealous of the mermaids because they irritate her when they comb their long hair while basking in the sun, however Peter gives her one of the mermaid's combs which suggests that she seeks involvement in the activity. Her jealousy may also stem from the fact that the mermaids treat Peter differently to everyone else. We also know that Wendy sometimes sneaks up to the lagoon to watch the mermaids play and relax; in the text it says she 'stole softly to the edge of the lagoon' to watch the mermaids.

