

DEEP BENEATH



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**Written to fit the
Get Reading Right Program**

Advanced Code, Unit 2

Target Sounds:

Long E spellings:
ee, ea, ie, e_e, -y

Digraphs:
nk, th, qu, ch

-ed endings & multisyllabic words

Sight word focus:

one, some, of

once, love, no

want, was, so

has, look, the

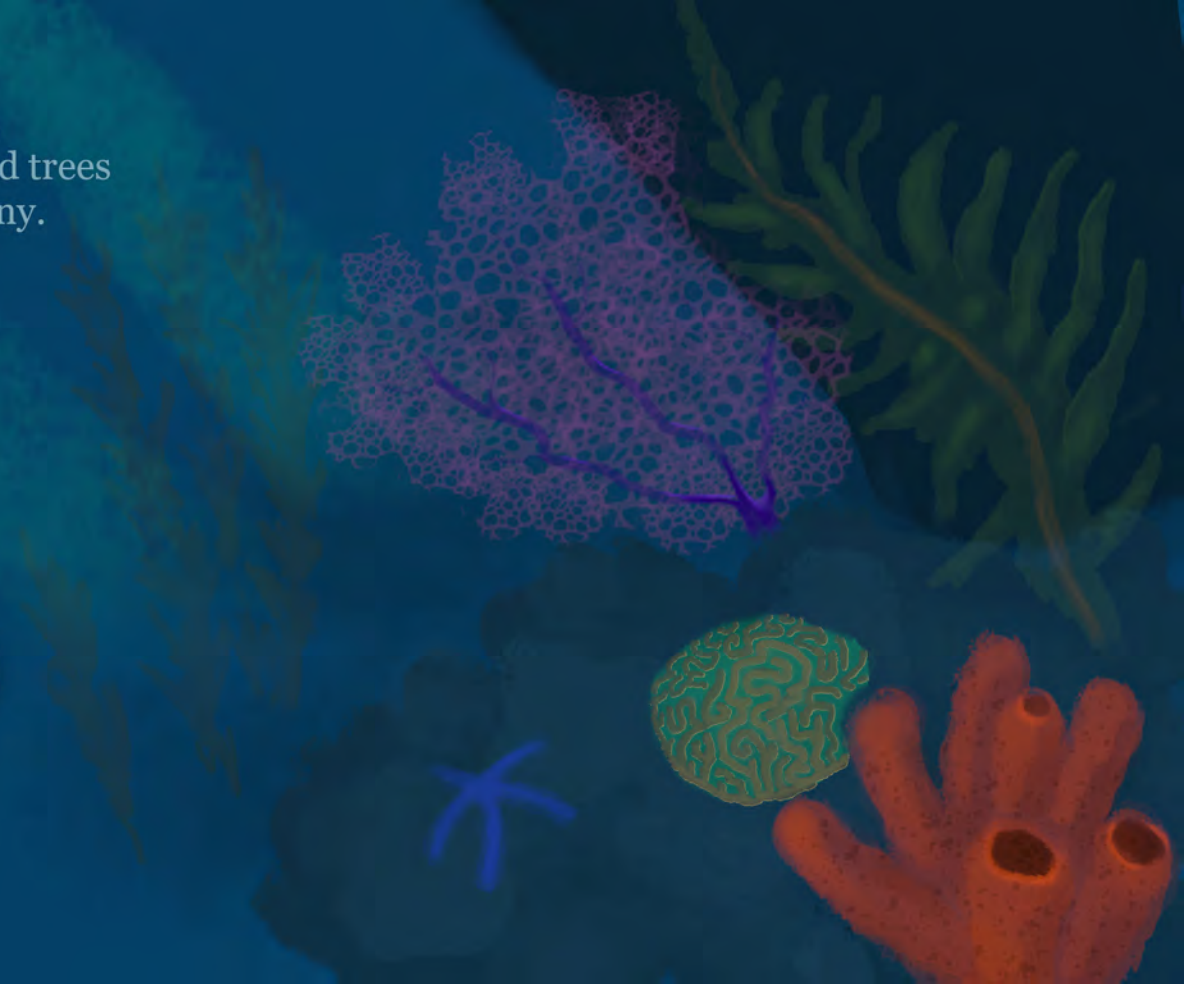
today, into, to



In a reef deep beneath the sea,
under rocks, and some seaweed trees
swam Penny the sneaky seapony.



"Ah me! Creaky weeds!
The reef is so dreary today,"
she squeaked.



Penny leaped into the frothy sea.
The reef was full of gleaming eels
and wiggly weeds.

She dashed between squelching
leeches and teal beasts.





She zipped to the rim of the reef.

"STOP!" the squid squad beeped,
leaking some ink.

"It's choppy seas! No entry please!"



“But I just want to swim! I love the big sea!
Today I feel stuck. Once I was free!” Penny pleaded.

“Peep-Peep!” said a teeny sea slug.
“I feel sad too, but we DO love the reef.
We just need to look closely.”



Into the tunnel went the one
teeny sea slug and Penny the seapony.

The tunnel was long and eerie.




The seapony squinted.
The rocks gleamed and glinted.



Then Penny squealed.
Hidden in the reef was the sunken ship!

“Quick! On the deck! The ship has my trunk!”



With a whinny of glee, the seapony leaped.
The trunk was flung open.
Out spilled heaps of things.

"What do we want?
One glob of gunk? One smear of ink?
A streaky reed? A leaky sheet?"

I'm a bearded seal! A cheeky eel!
Here's a shield! A reed's a spear!

A bit of ink. Some frothy pink...
With these, we can be anybody!



READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Story Questions

- Who was the main character?
- What was the problem?
- How did she feel at the start of the book?
- How did she solve the problem?
- How did she feel at the end?
- What was your favorite part of the story?

Vocabulary Building

- Did you learn any new words?
(maybe: dreary, eerie, gleamed, squelched)
- Which was your favorite?
- Which one was the most fun to say?

Count it Out

- What was the longest word you read? Great job!

Get Moving!

- How did the seapony move in the book?
- What clues does that give you about how she felt?
- Can you move like her?

Connections

- Have you ever seen someone else feeling sad and frustrated? What helped them feel better?
- Have you ever had a dreary day like Penny Seapony did?
- What did you do to feel better?



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