

The Treasure Chest





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What do you think this story is about?*
- Talk about the creature on the cover and where it lives.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

don't old time about
day came saw very put
first surprise different
adventure work gold

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

oh Mrs looked called
asked couldn't
water lovely
thought treasure
dangerous lengths



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Every week Mrs May took some of the children to the swimming pool. The children were good swimmers and they liked going with Mrs May.



The children were taking a swimming test.

“It’s time to begin,” said Mrs May. “Who wants to go first?”

“We do,” said Nadim.



Biff, Chip, Wilma, and Nadim jumped into the pool. The water was warm.

“Off you go,” called Mrs May.



They had to swim up and down the pool. They had to swim ten lengths. Wilma was first to swim ten lengths and Biff and Nadim were next.



It was hard for Chip to swim the ten lengths.

“Come on, Chip,” called Mrs May.

“Don’t stop. This is the last length.”

So Chip went on and everyone was pleased.



Next they had to swim to the bottom of the pool. They had to pick up a brick and swim with it to the top.



All the children passed the swimming test. Mrs May was very pleased.

“Well done, everyone,” she said.
The children were pleased too.



Biff and Chip told Mum and Dad about the swimming test.

“We passed,” they said.

Mum and Dad were very pleased too.



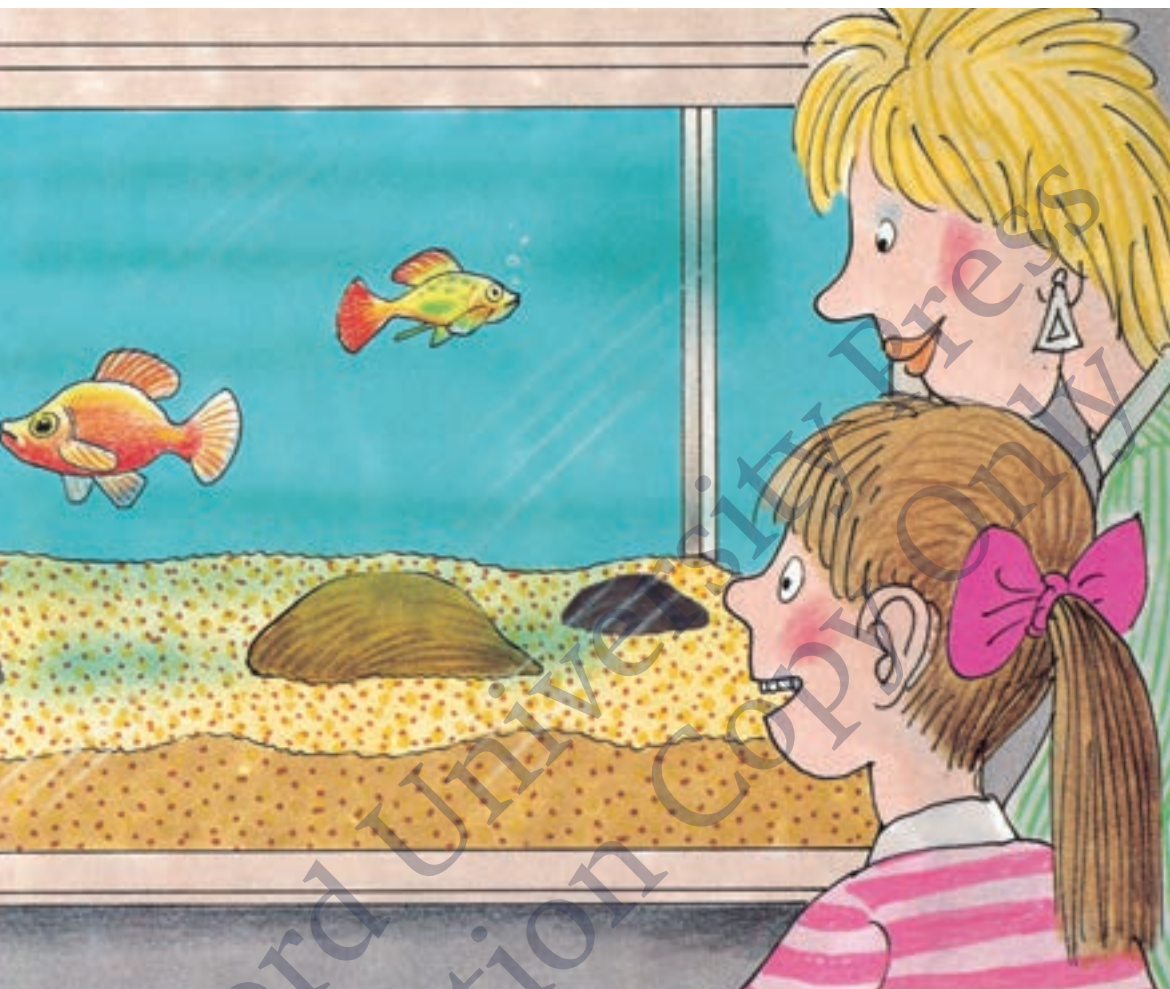
Mum and Dad had a surprise for them.
Biff and Chip couldn't see what the
surprise was.

“What is it?” asked Biff.



“It’s a fish tank,” said Biff. “What a lovely surprise!”

Everyone looked at the fish swimming about in the tank.

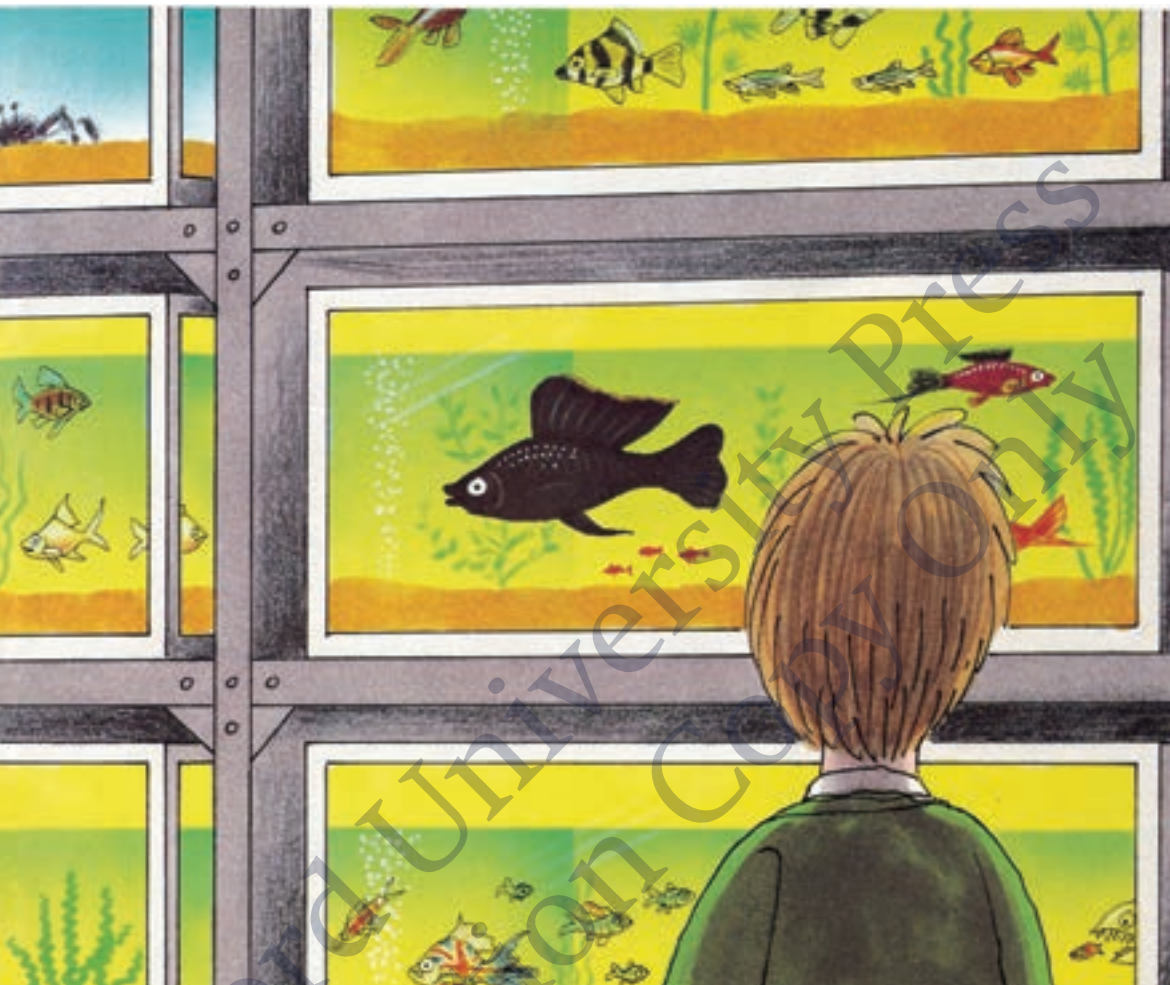


“There is room for more fish,” said Dad.
“We can get some next time we go shopping.”



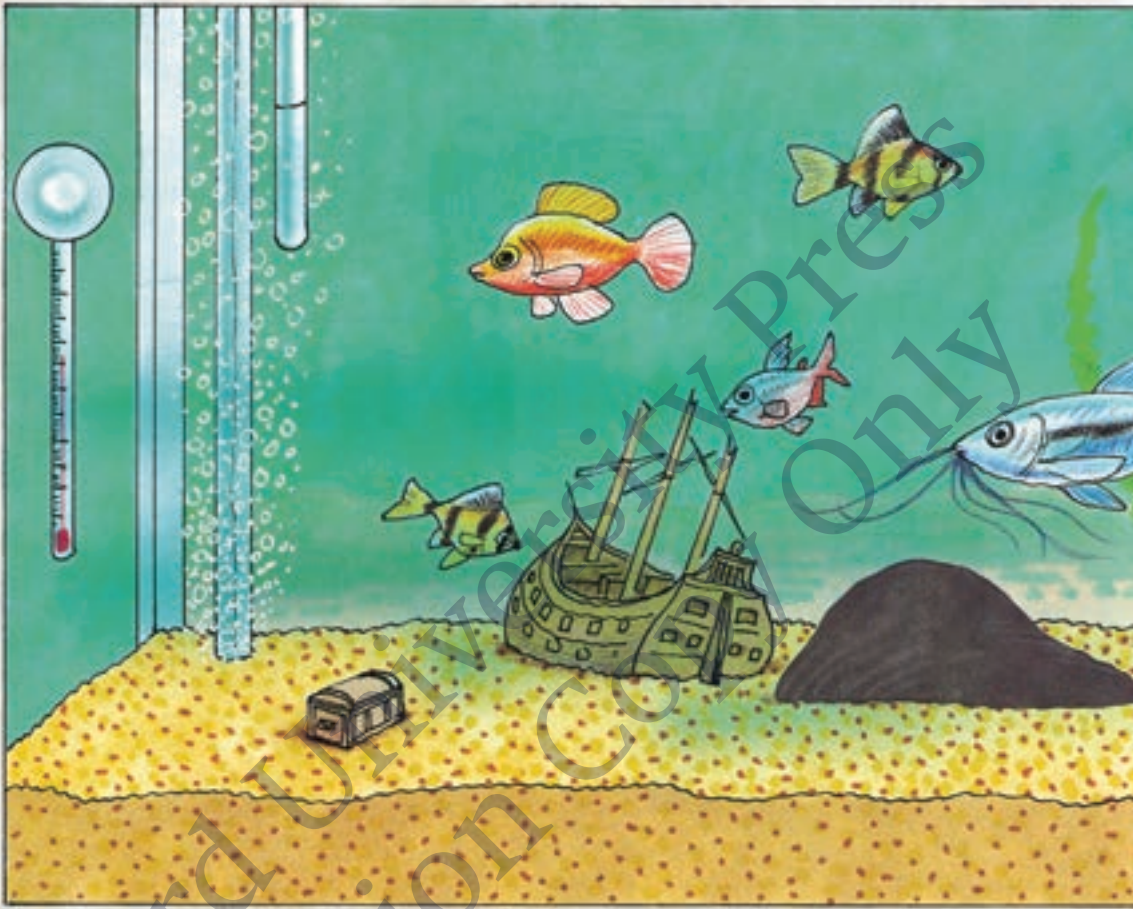
The next day they went shopping. Dad took them to a shop that sold fish.

“What a lovely shop!” said Biff. “Look at all the fish.”



There were big fish and little fish. Kipper liked the big fish in a tank.

“Don’t tap the glass,” said Dad. “The fish don’t like it.”



Dad put some more fish in the tank. He put rocks on the bottom. Next to the rocks he put a ship and a little box.



Wilma and Nadim came to see the fish tank.

“It looks lovely,” said Wilma. “I wish I could swim in there.”



They went to play in Biff's room. Chip ran in with the magic key. The key was glowing.

"It's time for an adventure," said Biff.



The magic began to work. It took the children into a new adventure. This time it was a different sort of adventure.



The magic took them underwater. The children had masks and flippers and tanks of air. They could swim underwater.



The children had never seen so many fish. They were all different colours.

“This is better than the pool,” thought Chip.

“I feel like a fish,” thought Wilma.



The children loved swimming under the water. It was lovely to see all the fish and to swim with them.



Chip and Nadim swam to the bottom and picked up a big shell. Biff looked at a jellyfish but she didn't swim too close.



They saw a ship under the water. It was an old ship that had been under the water for a long time.



They swam up to the ship. Wilma didn't want to swim too close to it. It looked dangerous.



They saw an octopus. Oh no! It was sitting on a chest. They couldn't look inside the chest with an octopus sitting on the lid.



They blew bubbles at the octopus. The octopus didn't like the bubbles so it swam away.

“Good!” thought the children. “Now we can look inside.”



The children opened the chest and looked inside. It was a treasure chest and it was full of gold.



Biff and Wilma pushed the chest over and all the gold fell out. Nadim picked up a necklace and Biff picked up a gold cup.



Biff and Nadim were busy looking at the treasure. They didn't see what Chip and Wilma saw. A shark was coming.



Chip and Wilma couldn't tell Biff and Nadim. They pulled them away and pointed at the shark.



The children were frightened. They swam and swam but the shark swam after them. Then the magic key began to glow.



The magic key took them out of the adventure.

“Wow! What an adventure!” said Biff. “The treasure chest was like the one in our fish tank.”



The children ran to look in the fish tank.

“Look, there’s the treasure,” said Chip.

“How did it get there?” asked Nadim.

“It’s magic!” said Biff.

AFTER READING

- Look at page 4 and ask your child: *Who was the fastest swimmer?*
- Turn to page 18 and ask: *Would you have been scared, if you were there?*
- Turn to page 21 and ask: *Why do you think Biff didn't swim too close to the jellyfish?*

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