

## Comprehension answers

1. Name two of the items the sea-king's castle was made from.

Any two of:

a. Shells	b. crab claws
c. coral	

2. Why was the sea-king sad?

Because his wife, the queen, had died many years before.

3. Look at the paragraph which begins: *'Now, it was a custom in the kingdom ...'*

Find and copy a word that means *allowed*.

*Permitted*.

4. *'Now, it was a custom in the kingdom ...'*

Circle the word closest in meaning to *custom*.

*tradition*      *punishment*      *shopper*      *Curse*

5. *'They had returned to the castle with stories of feathered fish that swam through the air ...'*

What were the 'feathered fish' that the sea-princesses saw?

*Birds*.

6. Look at the paragraph which begins: *'The littlest sea-princess listened ...'*

Find and copy the word that tells you she wanted something very much.

Longed.

7. *'A huge floating creature made of wood, just as her sisters had described, with vast white fins!'*

What is the 'creature' that the little mermaid is afraid of?

*A ship.*