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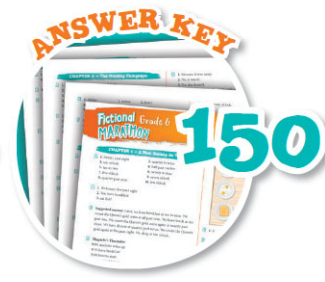
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It is ten to eleven at night! The weather is **stormy**. The ocean looks dark and **scary**. There is a little boat on the ocean, and there is a man and a woman on the boat. The woman is crying.

Mrs Yilmaz: My son!
My son!

The man hugs her.

Mr Yilmaz: Don't worry, my dear! I believe our son is fine!

Mrs Yilmaz: No, he isn't fine! Teachers don't invite parents to school for no reason! I know there is something wrong!

Mr Yilmaz: Our son, Arda, is a **naughty** boy. He always makes his teachers angry. So, they call us and invite us to school. I think that's all!

Mrs Yilmaz: But he doesn't study at a normal school. He studies at Magnific! This school is in the middle of the Indian Ocean, and we are from Turkey. It is too far! They can't invite us here just because our son is *naughty*!

Mr Yilmaz: Well... He isn't *just* naughty! He is very very naughty! Don't you remember last year?





Arda's mother doesn't say anything. She closes her eyes. Her **memories** of last year fly in her mind: Arda finds an old **pirate treasure** in his school, Magnific. He **steals** it. He comes back to Turkey, and he **lies** to his parents. He says it's the **lottery** money, and his parents believe him.

They spend all the money to **cure** ill animals.

One day, his friends visit Arda in his house. They say there isn't a lottery in Magnific. They say Arda is a **cheater** and a liar! He has the treasure of their school, and they want it back.

Mrs Yilmaz opens her eyes.

Mrs Yilmaz: Of course I remember last year. How can I forget? But his teachers and friends aren't angry with him now. They know Arda is a young helpful boy. No, he isn't perfect! But he loves animals. He tries to help them. His teachers and friends think this is lovely. My son! My little helpful son! What's the matter with him? Who knows?

Arda's father is **silent**. He doesn't know the answer of his wife's question. Now, he feels **worried** too. A few minutes later, he points at an **island**.

Mr Yilmaz: Oh! Look! Here is the island! Here is Magnific!
Ms Brown is waiting there. She is Arda's English teacher.

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The boat goes to the island. Ms Brown is wet because of the storm. She looks very sad.

Ms Brown: Welcome to Magnific, Mr and Mrs Yilmaz.

Mrs Yilmaz: Where is Arda? Where is my son? Is he OK?

Ms Brown: He is... He is in hospital. Follow me. I will take you there.

They start walking.

Mrs Yilmaz: What's the matter with him? What is his problem?

Ms Brown: Well... I can't tell you.

Mr Yilmaz: Why not?

Ms Brown: Because it's crazy! You must see it!

Arda's mother and father look at each other. They are more worried now. Five minutes later, they arrive at the hospital. Ms Brown opens the door. Arda is there. He is in bed, and there is a **blanket** on him.

Mrs Yilmaz: Oh! My son! You are OK, right? What's the matter with you? Do you have **the flu**?

Arda's father looks at Ms Brown.

Mr Yilmaz: We come from Turkey, Ms Brown! I think you shouldn't invite us from Turkey because our son has the flu! It's too far!

At that moment, Doctor Watson comes in. She looks sad and **nervous**.

Dr Watson: It isn't the flu!

At that moment, Arda wakes up and starts shouting.

Arda: Mom! Dad! Help me! This is crazy! I'm so scared!

Mrs Yilmaz: What's the problem? I don't understand. You look fine.

Arda starts crying. His parents look at Dr Watson. They are worried. They don't understand anything.

Dr Watson: It's a **weird** illness! Can we call it an illness? I'm not sure about it. It's... It's crazy! I still can't believe it!

Mr Yilmaz can't wait anymore, and he starts shouting.

Mr Yilmaz: JUST TELL US! WHAT'S OUR SON'S ILLNESS?

After a short silence, Ms Brown goes next to Arda's bed. She **pulls** the blanket. No one speaks. They just look at Arda's legs.

Mr Yilmaz: Is this a joke?

Dr Watson: No, it isn't. It's **real!**

Mr Yilmaz: This is... crazy! It can't be real!

Mrs Yilmaz is shocked, and she starts crying.

Mrs Yilmaz: Where are my son's legs? What does this mean? That's a... That's a fish **tail!**

Arda's mother looks at Dr Watson.

Mrs Yilmaz: You are a doctor. Do something!

Dr Watson: And you are veterinarians, right? Well... He is half fish. Maybe you can cure him.

Mr Yilmaz sits next to Arda, and he touches his fish tail.

Mr Yilmaz: That's real! My son has a fish tail! How can this happen?

Arda: I think it's the **curse!** The old pirate treasure in Magnific! It's cursed, and I'm its **thief!** So, I'm **turning into** a fish now! It's my **fault.** Mommy! Daddy! I love you! I'm so sorry!



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Mr Yilmaz: This is **silly**! Come on! We are taking you back to Turkey! Maybe Turkish doctors can find a **cure**.

Suddenly, Arda stops crying.

Mrs Yilmaz: He can't **breathe**!
My son can't breathe!

Mr Yilmaz: He is half fish!
We should **throw** him into the ocean!

Mrs Yilmaz: This is crazy! I can't throw my son into the ocean! It is very dark and stormy.

Mr Yilmaz: I don't want to do this either. But look! He is half fish. He can't breathe here. He needs water.

His parents and teachers carry him to the beach. His friends come to the beach too. They are all very sad. They don't have **another choice**, so they throw him into the Indian Ocean.

Mrs Yilmaz: My soooooon!

Now, Arda can breathe. He feels good in the water. But the weather is stormy and the sea is wavy! The water **takes** Arda away.

Arda: Moooooom! Daaaaaaaad!

Mr Yilmaz: Ardaaaaa!

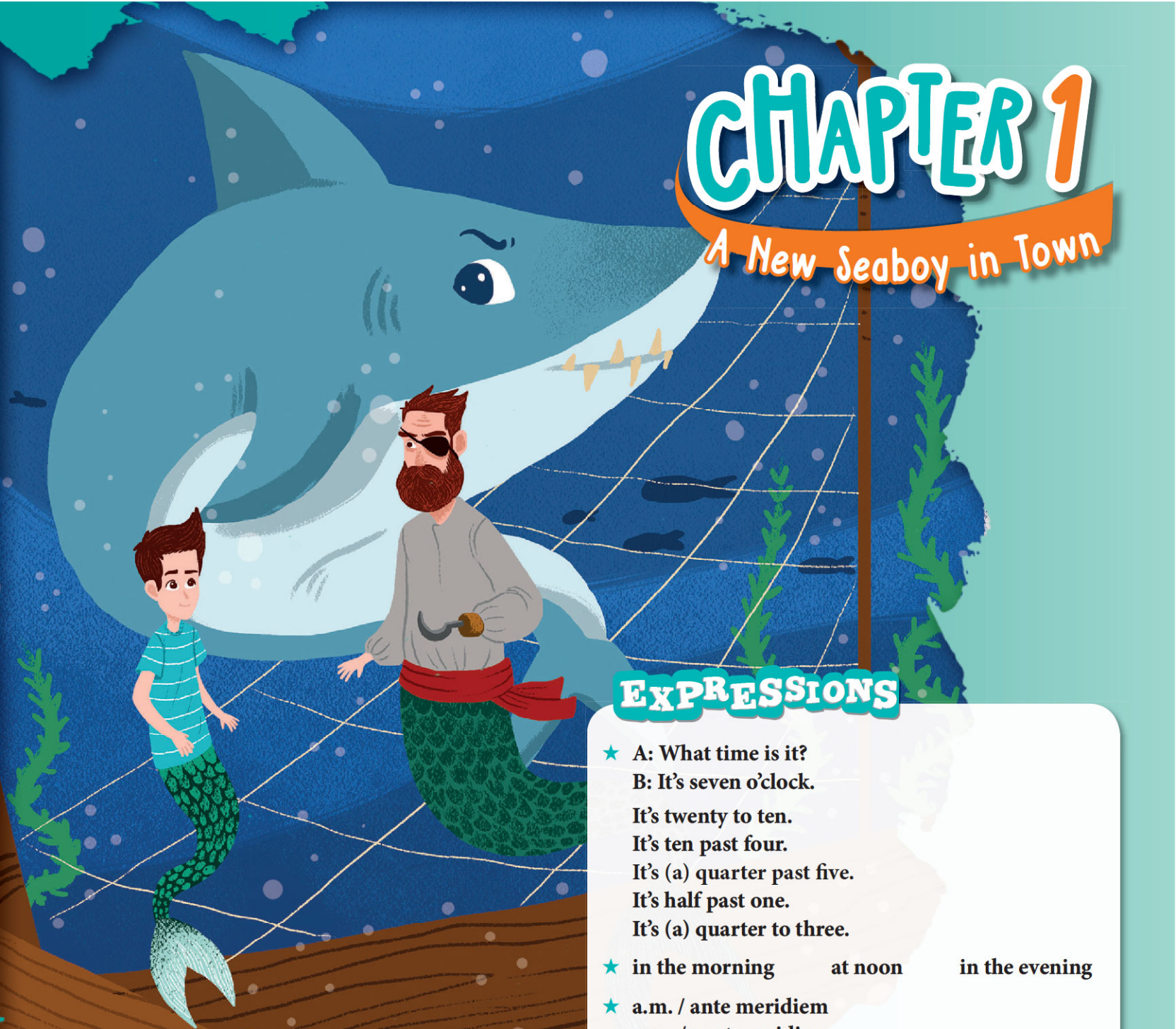
Arda: Heeeeelp!



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A New Seaboy in Town



EXPRESSIONS

- ★ A: What time is it?
B: It's seven o'clock.
It's twenty to ten.
It's ten past four.
It's (a) quarter past five.
It's half past one.
It's (a) quarter to three.
- ★ in the morning at noon in the evening
- ★ a.m. / ante meridiem
p.m. / post meridiem
- ★ What do you do at seven o'clock?
What time do they have breakfast?
When do we sleep?
When is our breakfast time?
- ★ I run some errands after school on weekdays.
I attend a folk dance course on Saturday.
- ★ A: What's the date today?
B: It's 8 March 2020.
It's 13th December.
- ★ A: Is it Monday today?
B: No, it's Tuesday.

WORD LIST

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| attend a course | ride a bicycle |
| do sports | run errands |
| do the cleaning | take a nap |
| do the ironing | take care of something |
| get up | traditional dance/folk dance |
| go jogging | visit |
| go to bed | weekdays |
| have breakfast | wake up |
| have dinner | wash the clothes |
| have lunch | watch TV |
| rest | write a diary |

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The next morning, Arda hears a voice: 'Wake up!' He opens his eyes. He looks around. He sees a big fish near him, and he screams.

Arda: A shaaaark!

Shasha: Yes, I'm a shark. My name is Shasha. Nice to meet you.

Arda looks around. He is deep in the ocean. He looks at his legs, but he doesn't have legs. He has a fish tail! He looks at the shark again. It looks **friendly**.

Arda: Nice... Nice to meet you! Wow! I can speak under the water. It's not so bad.

Shasha: Of course, you can! You are a seaboy! Seaboys can speak underwater. I have many seaboy friends. They can speak underwater too.

Arda: Really? Do you have friends like me?

Shasha: Sure! I'm the **pet** of their **queen**. She takes care of me. She takes me for a swim at weekends. She plays games with me. I love her so much.

Arda: Their queen?

Shasha: Oh! You don't know Queen Angelic? Everyone knows her.












Arda: No, I don't! I'm a new seaboy. It's my first day in the ocean.

Shasha: Oh! A new seaboy! This is great! Ocean life is **exciting**!

Arda: Really? How is it?



A Look at the clocks and complete the paragraph about Shasha's daily routine:

Shasha: Well... For example, my life! I get up at  e.g. *ten to eight*
 in the morning. I have breakfast at  ¹, and I start running
 errands at  ² I take a nap and rest at
 ³ I wake up again at noon. I visit the queen at
 ⁴, and it's lunchtime at  ⁵ I do the
 cleaning at  ⁶ I take underwater folk dance courses at
 ⁷ I have dinner at  ⁸ in the
 evening. I write my diary at  ⁹, and I go to bed at
 ¹⁰

B You are Arda. Answer Shasha's questions.

Arda: Do you really have a daily routine? But you are a shark!

Shasha: Yes, I have a daily routine. Tell me. What time is it?

Arda looks at his watch on his **wrist**.

Arda: ¹



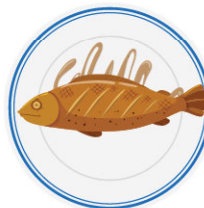
Shasha: And what do I do at that time?

Arda: ² You (Look at Shasha's daily routine in part A.)

Shasha: Hmm... What do I eat for breakfast? Do you know?

Arda doesn't know it. He **makes a guess**.

Arda: ³ Do you ?



Shasha looks at Arda's long and green fish tail.

Shasha: Yes, you're right! I love fish! Fish is delicious.

It shows its **sharp teeth**.

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Shasha: You look delicious to me! See? Ocean life is full of **excitement!** Big fish like me eat small fish like you!

Arda: I'm not small. Look at me! I'm big!

Shasha: Ha! Ha! But you are new in the ocean. You can't swim fast.

'It's time to swim and escape!' Arda thinks. With the help of his fish tail, Arda can swim fast, but Shasha is fast too! There is an old **pirate ship** deep in the ocean. Arda **hides** in it.

Shasha: Yummy, yummy, yummy! My breakfast is ready!

Arda closes his eyes. He is very **scared**. At that moment, he hears a voice: 'Go away, Shasha! Leave the new seaboy **alone!** Queen Angelic wants to see him!' Arda opens his eyes and sees a seaboy. 'Great! Another seaboy like me!' he thinks and smiles.



Shasha looks scared. It swims away. Fisher comes next to Arda.

Fisher: Be careful with Shasha! It's the queen's pet. She takes care of it. She takes it out for a swim on weekdays. Also, she plays with it. Shasha loves her so much. But it's very dangerous for us. It wants to eat us. We are its favourite food.

Arda: Thank you! You **saved** me. Who are you?

Fisher: I'm Fisher.

Arda: Nice to meet you. My name is Arda.

Fisher: Nice to meet you too. Tell me! Where is our treasure?

Arda: Which treasure?

Fisher: The cursed treasure, of course! It's Queen Angelic's treasure. She doesn't like thieves. You should give it back to her.

Arda: But I can't!

Fisher: That's bad! You must live here with us then. Look at me. I'm cursed too. She doesn't **forgive** thieves. Let's go! I want to show you the Underwater City.

They start swimming, and Fisher starts telling about his life underwater.

Fisher: There is a routine in the Underwater City. You must learn it. It's very important!

G You are Fisher. You tell Arda the daily routine in the Underwater City. Look at the table and write a paragraph about it.

8:10 - wake up

8:50 - have breakfast

9:30 - count the Queen's **gold coins**

13:10 - have lunch

15:20 - count the Queen's gold coins

19:15 - have dinner

20:05 - count the Queen's gold coins

22:00 - sleep

Note: Sundays are holidays.

We wake up at ten past eight in the morning.

Later,



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Arda: Count the Queen's gold coins? What does it mean?

Fisher: You will learn it today. Come on! Let's go! We mustn't be late for breakfast.

Arda: Why not? In Magnific, I'm always late for breakfast.

Fisher: Magnific?

Arda: It's the name of my school.

Fisher: What time do they have breakfast there?

Arda: Students wake up at eight o'clock, and they have breakfast at half past eight. But I get up at twenty past eight, and I have my breakfast at ten to nine.

Fisher: Don't your teachers get angry?

Arda: Yes, they do! The first lesson starts at nine o'clock. But I go to the class at half past nine. Teacher's don't take me to the class because I'm late. So, I go to the **principal's** office at quarter to ten.

Fisher: What do you do there?

Arda: The principal gives me a **punishment**. I help the principal, and I run some errands at school between 10:00-10:45. It isn't so bad. I'm never late for the second lesson. It starts at eleven o'clock. At four p.m., it's activity time! Students can do their favourite sports and activities then. They do sports, ride a bicycle, watch TV, go jogging, and they do some other fun activities. But teachers usually punish me. So at activity time, I usually sit in the classroom. I study and do extra homework. I finish all my homework in the evening. I wash my clothes and do the ironing at seven o'clock. Finally, I go to bed at ten p.m.

Fisher: You mustn't be late here. We have a programme, and we must **follow** it. Angelic doesn't like **lazy** seaboys!

Arda: What does she do to them?

Fisher looks at Arda's tail, and he points at it.

Fisher: Look at our tails. We are humans, but we have a tail. This is Angelic's curse! She can do magic things like this! Would you like to wake up with a parrot's head one day? Or maybe with an elephant's **trunk**? I don't think you would like to have it.

D Look at the conversation between Arda and Fisher on page 16. Fill in the tables below.

Time	Activity
1 8.00
2	have breakfast
3 9:00
4	second lesson
5 16:00

1	get up
2	have breakfast
3 9:30
4 9:45
5 10:15
6 11:00
7	do extra homework
8	wash the clothes, do the ironing
9	go to bed

Arda looks nervous. Fisher warns him again.

Fisher: Don't be late in the Underwater City! Always follow the programme! What time is it?

E Circle **a.m.** or **p.m.**

Arda: It's 8:45 ¹a.m. / p.m.

Fisher: Swim fast! It's breakfast time. We must go to the restaurant in five minutes!

They swim fast and go to an underwater restaurant. They have breakfast there. Arda meets the other seaboys. But they don't speak to him because they are all very hungry. They eat very fast, and their mouths are all full.

Fisher: We must eat fast! We musn't be late! What time is it?

Arda: It's 9:15 ²a.m. / p.m.

Seaboys panic. Fisher stands up.

Fisher: Forget breakfast! Let's go! We can't be late!

Arda puts all his food in his mouth and follows him. They swim and go to the **palace** of the Underwater City. It is a very big and **luxurious** palace. There, Arda sees Angelic for the first time.

'Wow!' he thinks. 'She is so beautiful!'

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Angelic has got long red hair. She has got a fish tail like them. She has got a **magic stick** in her hand. A light **shines** on her stick. It looks like the sun. Angelic sits on her **throne**. Her throne stands on a big treasure. There is gold everywhere! Lots and lots of gold!

Angelic: Oh! The new seaboy is here. You thief! How can you steal my gold? Give my gold back or live with the curse of my gold forever!

Arda: I can't give the gold back!

Angelic: You must work here then. Start counting my gold coins!

Arda looks at the treasure in front of him.

Arda: Counting everything in this treasure?! But it is too much! We can't count and finish this.

Fisher: It never finishes. Just start counting!

Angelic: Yes! It never finishes. You will count and count and count! That's the end of thieves! They want to count gold coins so much, so they steal my treasure. And they are all here now! Counting my gold!

Arda is so sad. He sits down and starts counting the gold coins. 1, 2, 3, 4, ... 55, ... 190, ... 9,011, 9,012...

Fisher: What time is it?

Arda stops counting. He looks at his watch.

Arda: It's 1:10³ **a.m. / p.m.**

Fisher: Thank you. It's lunchtime. We must go.

Angelic: You can't leave! First, tell me! How many gold coins are there?

Arda: I can't count all of it! Today, I count... The number is... I can't **remember**! Something like 10,056 or maybe 10,807! I'm not sure!

Angelic: Start again then!



Arda: What? Start again? But it's lunchtime.

Angelic gets angry.

Angelic: No lunch for you today! Start counting from the beginning! Do it or I will turn you into a frog!

Arda cries and starts counting again. 1,2,3,4,5,6 ... 455, 466, 477. He thinks, 'This is very boring and silly!' But he continues counting. After a while, Fisher and the other seaboys come back from lunch.

Angelic: You are late!

Fisher: No we aren't. What time is it, Arda?

Arda looks at his watch and answers.

Arda: It's 3:21 ⁴ **a.m. / p.m.**

Angelic: One minute late!

She **raises** her stick. The sun on her stick shines. Oh no! Fisher's and the other seaboys' ears change! They look like dog ears. Angelic thinks it's funny. She laughs. But Arda is **terrified!** The Queen looks at Arda.

Angelic: Count! Don't stop!

Arda looks at the gold again. He can't remember the number! 'I hate gold!' he thinks. 'I hate it! I hate it!'

They count and count and count... After some time, Fisher and the other seaboys' dog ears change, and they look normal again. They stay in the Queen's room all night. Finally, they leave the room. They don't feel well. They all feel **tired**.

Fisher: What's the date today?

Arda can't remember the date! Other seaboys start answering.

Noah: It's 9th September 2018.

Netty: No, It's 22nd October.

Harpy: I think it's 13th December 2019.

Drew: Is it Monday today?

Casta: No, it's Tuesday.

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F You are Arda. What's the date today? Look at the calendar. First tell the day and then the date.

Arda: It's

It's

A full day in that treasure room! Counting gold coins! I'm hungry, **bored** and tired! What time is our breakfast?

Harpy: We have breakfast at ten to nine.

Arda: But it's six a.m.! It's too early. I can't wait! I'm very hungry.

Fisher gives him a **spear**.

Fisher: You must **catch** fish then!

Arda: And when do we sleep?

The seaboys laugh.

Harpy: You can't sleep! When you don't follow the daily programme, this happens. You must choose now. Which one do you want? Eating or sleeping?

Arda chooses eating. He takes the spear and goes fishing. 'This isn't **fair!** I must **escape** from here!' he thinks. 'I must find a way to go back to Magnific!'



Now, check all your answers in this chapter. Work on your mistakes. Then, go to page 137 and get your award. Cut and stick it on 'My Treasure' page at the back of the book.