

Teacher Model

As the daylight faded, a fog appeared. The fog was thick. The fog grew thicker. The fog was the thickest they had ever seen. It swiftly worsened until Erin couldn't see past the end of her nose.

Suddenly, a huge, dark shape loomed in the boat's path. It was a rock as black as a colony of bats. 'This is awful. What on earth am I going to do now?' thought Erin desperately.

The boat turned abruptly. Crash! Splash! Whoosh! Erin disappeared into the sea unnoticed. 'This is terrifying!' she thought. The wild waves were beating against the craggy rock.

She desperately wriggled upwards but she was dragged down. Deeper, deeper, deeper. Her world turned black. All of a sudden, a rumble echoed around her – deep, dark, terrifying.

Black Rock woke up. Erin gasped. His smooth face shone kindly through the murky depths. The girl felt reassured. Erin noticed an ochre fish, a magenta squid, transparent jellyfish and tangerine crabs.

Erin admired the big, beautiful sea. She took a moment to appreciate a dazzling diversity of fish. Erin couldn't believe her eyes because this was paradise.

Jumping back into the water, Erin noticed a starry flounder. She also caught sight of a glistening green moray and a strong-looking sturgeon. An eagle ray and a spotted seahorse followed quickly behind.

Quick as the flick of a dolphin's tail, Black Rock's hand emerged through the water and carried Erin. "Please take me home!" she exclaimed. Erin knew this was the most unforgettable moment of her life.

Erin dipped her toes into the azure-blue sea. She touched gentle, lapping waves. The jellyfish followed the turtle and Black Rock happily followed the jellyfish. Working as a team, they made it all the way to the shore. They had an amazing time – but more than that, they had learned the power of collaboration.