



The Friendship Wish



TEACHING GUIDE

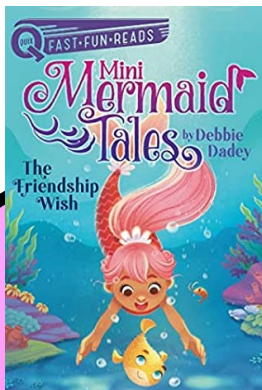
Dear Teachers,
I'm so happy that mermaid chapter books are continuing in a fun way with fast, easier reads. I hope this guide makes reading and writing even more exciting for your class. Enclosed you'll find:

Discussion guide

Writing lesson

Ready-to-use printables

Common Core standards



Enjoy,
Debbie Dadey, author

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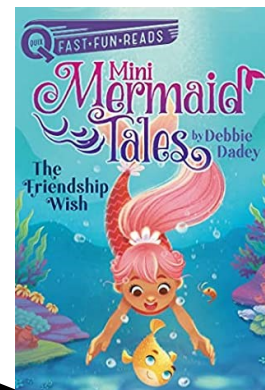


Pre-reading Activities

1. Ask your students if they have ever played 'school' with their friends. Did they like to be the teacher or the student?
2. Show students books with pictures of fish. Have them pick out a favorite fish and learn about it. They can tell the class about it.
3. Discuss all the different hair colors in the room. All are beautiful and different. In this story, Rosie is upset that her tail is very different. Can it be good to be different?

Answers will vary. [RL.2.1](#)

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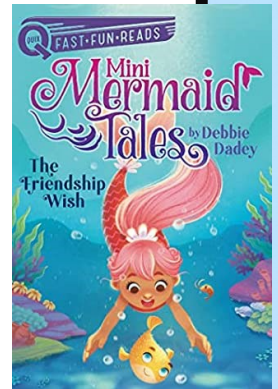
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VOCABULARY WORDS

Try these activities with the words below:

Let kids put their words in spelling boxes by drawing a fish and putting the word in it.

Have students draw pictures to illustrate some of the vocabulary words. Use those pictures to make a mobile or collage.



Chapter one:

statue nibbled shrugged puffed

Chapter two and three

scrolls peered conch apologized utter recall blurted escape

Chapter four:

splotches studied

Chapter five and six:

shyly stammered fuss stammered tracing awesome

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Chapter One



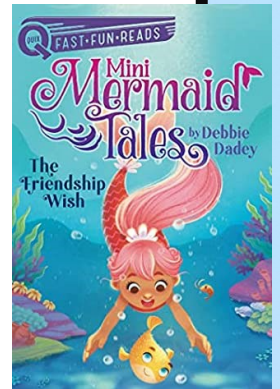
Name _____

Pick a fish and write two interesting things about it.

1. _____

2. _____

Draw your fish here:



On the back, have fun creating your own fish! Will it have a bright tail or spikes? Will it look like any other fish or will it be different?

[RF.2.4.A](#) [W.2.8](#)

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Chapter Two

Rosie and Aqua find scrolls. Scrolls were one of the first types of books. They were rolled-up papers. Use this sheet to write a story and then roll it up from the top and bottom to meet in the middle.

Title of my story: _____

My main character: _____

The problem: _____

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Chapter Three



Name _____

Rosie and Aqua go somewhere they should not go. Name two places you should you not go.

1. _____

2. _____

Name two places you would like to go.

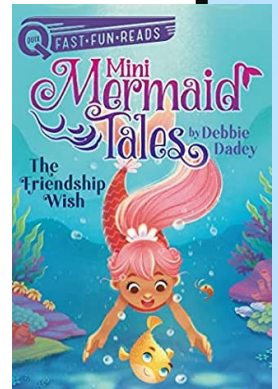
1. _____

2. _____

Where would you like to go on a school trip?

1. _____

2. _____



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Chapter Four



Name _____

Rosie has a job to clean her room. Do you have a job?

1. _____

2. _____

Name two jobs that you could do to help at school.

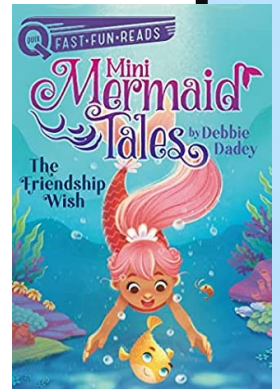
1. _____

2. _____

Name two new jobs you could do at home to help.

1. _____

2. _____



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Chapter Five and Six



Name _____

Put these sentences in the order they happened in the story.

The first one is done for you.

_____ Rosie and Aqua get in trouble at school.

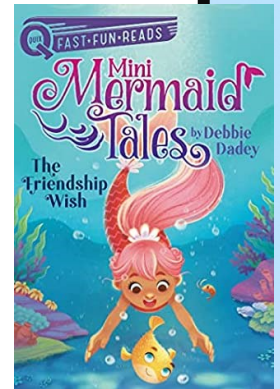
_____ Rosie goes to the Mini Mermaid and Merboys school.

__1__ Rosie tries to catch a porcupine fish.

_____ Rosie makes lots of bubbles!

_____ Rosie makes lots of friends.

_____ Rosie cleans her room.



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ANSWERS

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__2__ Rosie and Aqua get in trouble at school.

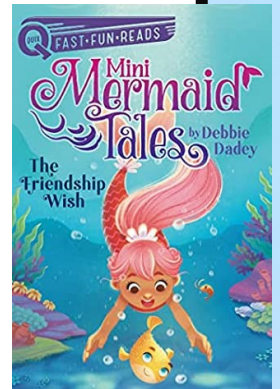
__5__ Rosie goes to the Mini Mermaid and Merboys school.

__1__ Rosie tries to catch a porcupine fish.

__3__ Rosie makes lots of bubbles!

__6__ Rosie makes lots of friends.

__4__ Rosie cleans her room.





Name: _____

AFTER STORY FUN!

Rosie had great fun with bubbles. Pick one of the bubbles below to have your own fun writing a short story on the back. Who will you pick for your main character? Where will the story happen? What will be the problem?

Write about a fish that grows so big it takes over your town.

Write about a bubble that becomes your friend.

Write about two kids who are lost in a school and have to spend the night!

Write about a school day. Did you get in trouble?

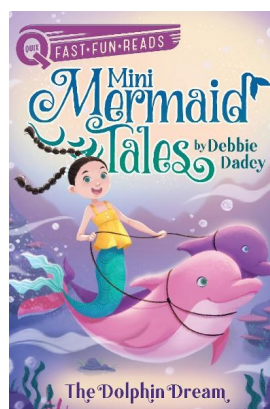
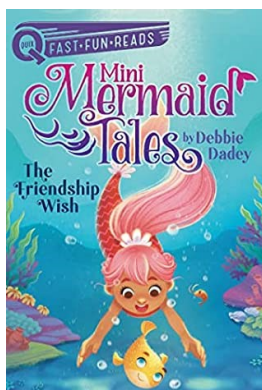


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Author Bio

Debbie Dadey was born in Kentucky, nowhere near an ocean. But she enjoys writing stories about ocean creatures, both real and make-believe. Her first mermaid story was Mermaids Don't Run Track. That was so much fun, she wrote an entire series called The Mermaid Tales. The Friendship Wish is the first book in the Mini Mermaid Tales series. Hope you'll enjoy them all!



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