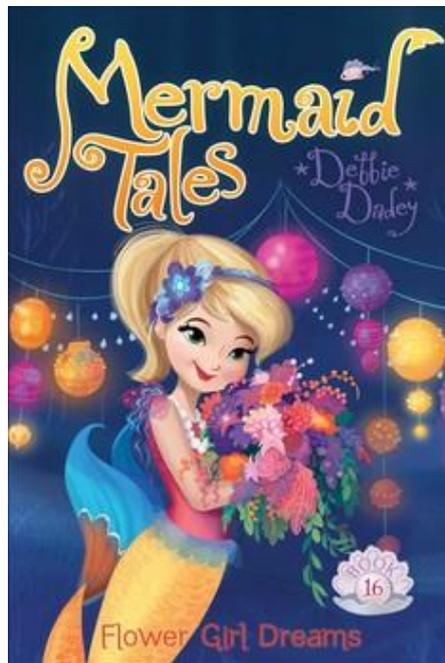


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A Teaching Unit

Flower Girl Dreams



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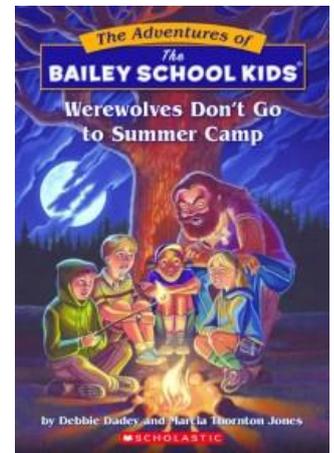
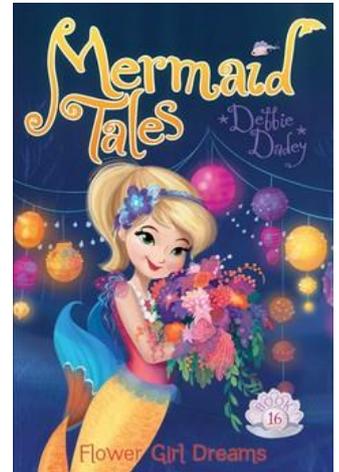
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Meet the author:

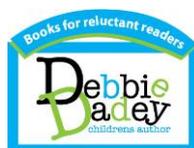
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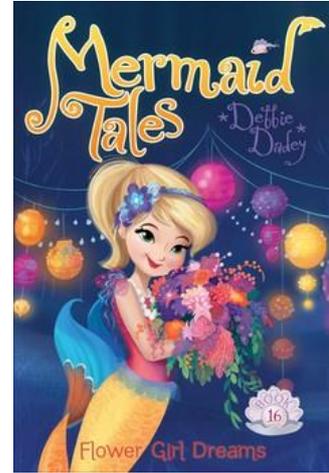
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Cherokee Sister (now as an ebook)

Whistler's Hollow

The Monsters Next Door

The Polar Bear Express



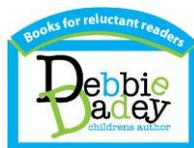
Pre-reading activities: Before reading **Flower Girl Dreams** complete some or all of the activities below to peak interest in the story, as well as to increase comprehension, reading, and predicting skills. The next page has a pre-reading activity to try as well.

1. **Flower Girl Dreams** is a great springboard for discussing budgets. Discuss how most people must only buy what they can afford. Use a white board to list things that they need to buy to live. See what things on the list are important and what things could be taken off if the budget didn't permit it.
2. Give students a pretend budget and let them plan a party. The winner is the student who has the best party and spends the least. Encourage them to be creative! If possible, plan a real party! (You might also use the enclosed worksheet).

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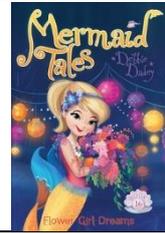
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Pre-reading activity/prediction

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Date:



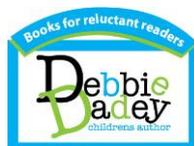
What is happening in the picture above? _____

Follow the even directions.

1. Color all of the flowers blue.
2. Color the sea horse pink.
3. Circle Rocky.
4. Color the mermaid's tails your favorite color.

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Pre-reading activity/prediction

Name:

Date:

Answers



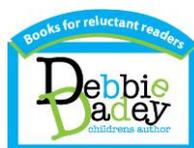
What is happening in the picture above? answers will vary

Follow the even directions. **Only two and four should be completed.**

1. Color all of the flowers blue.
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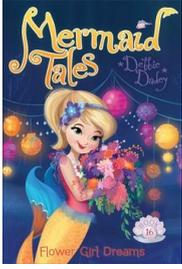
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Pre-reading activity/vocabulary

Chapter 1

magazine	bonnet	chatting
adorable	entrance	unusual

Chapters 2 and 3

cafeteria	definitely	oyster
allergic	especially	barracuda

Chapters 4 and 5

whisked	cooed	ceremony
browsed	fiancée	lavender

Chapters 6 and 7

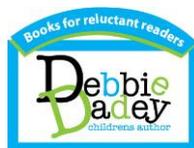
bouquets	mustache	arrangements
enormous	assist	chandelier

Chapters 8 – 12

policy	appreciated	preservation	bryozoan	lavishly
allowance	describe	delicate	portrait	crisis
confident	conservatory	anemones	restaurant	squadron

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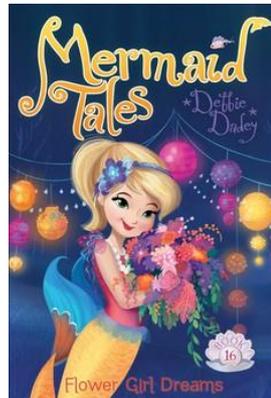
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FUN WAYS TO LEARN VOCABULARY WORDS FOR FLOWER GIRL DREAMS

- Go around the room and let kids do a ‘vocabulary bee’ where they must use one of the vocabulary words in a sentence or sit down.
- Challenge students to make up a poem using at least three of the vocabulary words. They can decorate the poems for a classroom display.
- Have a word race. Call out the word and let students race to find the word in the chapter.
- Have students put the vocabulary words in the right column: verb, noun, adjective, or adverb. You can use the form on the following page.



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Pre-reading activity

NAME:

DATE:

Place each vocabulary word from Flower Girl Dreams into one of the categories below.

Noun-person, place, or thing	Verb-action	Adjective-describes a noun	Adverb-changes a verb

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Chapter 1/compound words

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Separate the compound words found in the story into two separate words.

pufferfish _____

overheard _____

classroom _____

mushroom _____

waterfall _____

headache _____

upset _____

centerpieces _____

honeymoon _____

grandfather _____

everything _____

parrotfish _____

swordfish _____

grandmother _____

eyebrow _____

everyone _____

archway _____

something _____

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Chapter 1/compound words

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Separate the compound words found in the story into two separate words.

pufferfish puffer fish

overheard over heard

classroom class room

mushroom mush room

waterfall water fall

headache head ache

upset up set

centerpieces center pieces

honeymoon honey moon

grandfather grand father

everything every thing

parrotfish parrot fish

swordfish sword fish

grandmother grand mother

eyebrow eye brow

everyone every one

archway arch way

something some thing

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Chapter 2/science-coral

NAME:

DATE:

Mrs. Karp mentions two types of coral. Name them below.

In the library or on the Internet find examples of the two types of coral. List three of each in the space below. Circle the two that you find most interesting and draw them on the back.

Type of coral:	Type of coral:
Three examples: 1. 2. 3.	Three examples: 1. 2. 3.

Using the glossary in the back of the book, find three types of coral and list them here. In the second space, identify which type of coral it is.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

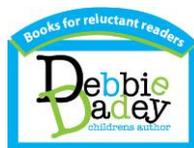
Twenty-two types of coral are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This has risen greatly in the last ten years. There are many reasons why coral is endangered, including pollution, people using coral for decorations and jewelry, and overfishing.

Based on this information, should you buy a ring made from coral? _____

Based on the information above, is coral better off now or ten years ago? _____

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Chapter 2/science-coral

NAME: **answers**

DATE:

Mrs. Karp mentions two types of coral. Name them below.

_____ **hard and soft**

In the library or on the Internet find examples of the two types of coral. List three of each in the space below. Circle the two that you find most interesting and draw them on the back.

Type of coral: hard	Type of coral: soft (could be in any order)
Three examples: answers will vary 1. 2. 3.	Three examples: answers will vary 1. 2. 3.

Using the glossary in the back of the book, find three types of coral and list them here. In the second space, identify which type of coral it is. **answers will vary**

1. _____

2. _____

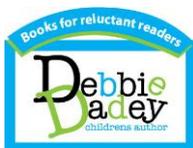
3. _____

Twenty-two types of coral are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This has risen greatly in the last ten years. There are many reasons why coral is endangered, including pollution, people using coral for decorations and jewelry, and overfishing.

Based on this information, should you buy a ring made from coral? _____ **NO**

Based on the information above, is coral better off now or ten years ago? **Ten years ago.**

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Chapter 3/suffixes and prefixes

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Circle the words with suffixes and prefixes below, then put the suffix and prefix in the correct column. Put an x on any compound words you find.

Prefix		Suffix
_____	1. I'm going to ask for one for my birthday!	_____
_____	2. Pearl hoped her suggestions would work.	_____
_____	3. We got lots of discounts because of that.	_____
_____	4. It was unusual for Rocky to hurry to class.	_____
_____	5. "Totally wavy!" Echo said.	_____
_____	6. Pearl's smile disappeared.	_____
_____	7. A flower is blooming right now.	_____
_____	8. Pearl read them, especially the wedding articles.	_____
_____	9. He would surely ask her.	_____
_____	10. There were displays of jewelry.	_____

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Bonus: On the back write two sentences, one that is compound and one that is not.

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Chapter 3/suffixes and prefixes

NAME:

answers

DATE:

Circle the words with suffixes and prefixes below, then put the suffix and prefix in the correct column. Put an x on any compound words you find.

Prefix		Suffix
<u>re</u>	1. I'm going to <u>return</u> that.	<u>ing</u>
	2. Pearl <u>hoped</u> her <u>suggestions</u> would work.	<u>ed tion s</u>
<u>dis</u>	3. We got <u>lots</u> of <u>discounts</u> because of that.	<u>s s</u>
<u>un</u>	4. It was <u>unusual</u> for Rocky to hurry to class.	
	5. " <u>Totally wavy!</u> " Echo said.	<u>ly y</u>
<u>dis</u>	6. Pearl's smile <u>disappeared</u> .	<u>ed</u>
	7. A flower is <u>blooming</u> right now.	<u>ing</u>
	8. Pearl read them, especially the <u>wedding</u> <u>articles</u> .	<u>ly ing s</u>
	9. He would <u>surely</u> ask her.	<u>ly</u>
<u>dis</u>	10. There were <u>displays</u> of jewelry.	<u>s</u>

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Bonus: On the back write two sentences, one that is compound and one that is not. **Answers will vary**

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Chapter 4/addition

NAME:

DATE:

You win a \$1000 shopping spree in a local store, but you must spend it all! List what you purchase from the items below and show your addition. You can buy more than one of each item and use the back if needed.

Jeans \$25

Fancy jeans \$53

T-shirt \$12

Designer T-shirt \$40

Coat \$25

Fancy coat \$300

Boots \$69

Dress \$47

Shoes \$51

Tennis shoes \$64

Flip flops \$11

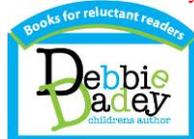
Necklace \$26

Socks \$3

Sweater \$25

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Chapter 5/oral reports

NAME:

DATE:

In Flower Girl Dreams, mer-students are encouraged to do oral reports on a type of coral. Use the worksheet below to prepare for a thirty second report on your favorite kind of coral. Your teacher may use the links below to discuss reporting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKOO99UjsSE> http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/printouts/30700_rubric.pdf

The coral I chose: _____ Is it hard or soft? _____

What is interesting about this coral? _____

Why I chose it: _____

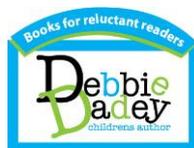
Use the information above to write your speech: _____

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Chapter 6/addition and multiplication

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

You are having a party for thirty people! You will have to find a place to have your party, get entertainment, and you'll have to make sure you have enough to eat. Use the prices below (or go to the store or online to get the real prices) to help you plan. Then use the worksheet to figure out just how much this party will cost you.

<p>Places to have the event:</p> <p>Hotel dining room: \$1000 Space at a local park: free Your home: free Local church hall: \$200</p>	<p>Food for the event:</p> <p>Catered, per person \$30 Pizza, per person \$5 Drinks, per person \$5 Sandwiches you make, per person \$2 Lemonade from mix, per person .30 Cake \$40 Ice cream \$25 Ice \$10</p>	<p>Entertainment for the event:</p> <p>Local band \$900 Magician \$500 Use existing balls to play games Bring music from home</p>
<p>Decorations:</p> <p>Flowers, a few \$50 Flowers, a lot \$1000 Balloons, a few \$25 Balloons, a lot \$357 Streamers \$12 Tablecloths, paper \$20 Catered tablecloths \$200</p>	<p>Plates, napkins, cups, utensils:</p> <p>Catered, per person \$7 Package of 50 plain napkins \$4 Package of 50 plain plates \$4 Package of 50 sporks \$4 Package of 50 plain cups \$8 (for fancy, add \$10 to each)</p>	<p>Do you have a theme? _____ What are you celebrating? _____</p>

1. Location of your event: _____ Cost: _____

2. Food for your event: _____

_____ Cost: _____

3. Additional items: _____ Cost: _____

Use the back if necessary and list the total cost of your event here: _____

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Chapter 7/social studies

NAME:

DATE:

In Flower Girl Dreams, Pearl decides she wants to be a party planner. In the space below, write three jobs that you might like to do.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Now, select your favorite job from the one above and make yourself a business card. Make sure you have your name, address, and phone number. You might even want to have a picture and a slogan to make it more interesting.

More fun: Use the library or the Internet to find out more about your job.

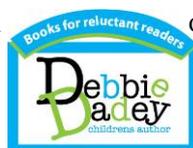
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Chapter 8/geography

NAME:

DATE:

A honeymoon is a trip that two people often take after getting married. They might go anywhere in the world (or ocean)! In the space below list six places that you'd like to go in your lifetime.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

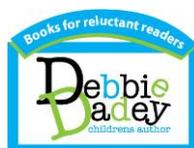
Now, select the most interesting place and write three things that you would like to see there. Use the back to draw a picture of the most interesting of those three.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Chapter 9/characters

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Use the space below to describe the characters in the story. What are they like?

1. Pearl: _____
2. Shelly: _____
3. Kiki: _____
4. Echo: _____
5. Rocky: _____

Who is the main character in this story? _____

What does she want most of all? _____

How does she go about getting what she wants? _____

Do you think Pearl did anything wrong in this story? _____

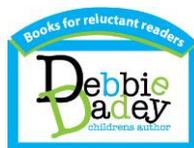
If so, what did she do wrong? _____

What could she have done differently? _____

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Chapter 9/characters

NAME: **answers**

DATE:

Use the space below to describe the characters in the story. What are they like?

Answers will vary

1. Pearl: _____
2. Shelly: _____
3. Kiki: _____
4. Echo: _____
5. Rocky: _____

Who is the main character in this story? _____ **Pearl**

What does she want most of all? *Answers will vary, but should include being a flower girl.*

How does she go about getting what she wants? *Answers will vary on the rest of the page.*

Do you think Pearl did anything wrong in this story? _____

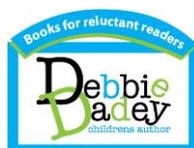
If so, what did she do wrong? _____

What could she have done differently? _____

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Chapter 10/museums

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Shelly's grandfather runs a museum in the ocean, but there are famous museums all over the world. Go to the library or use the Internet to find a museum in each of these cities.

1. Paris, France _____
2. London, England _____
3. Rome, Italy _____
4. Washington D.C., United States _____
5. New York, New York _____

Debbie Dadey, the author of Flower Girl Dreams, has a favorite art museum. It is one of the most visited art museums in the world. It is called the Louvre.

Where is the Louvre located? _____

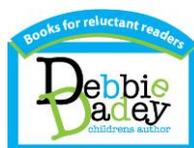
Name three famous things that are located in the Louvre.

What is your favorite museum? _____

If possible, take a field trip to a museum close to you!

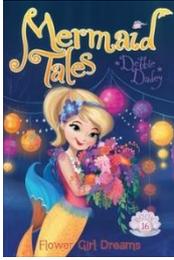
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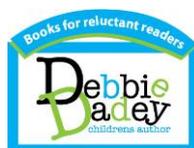
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	The book I selected was:
Theme (What is the story's big idea? Or what belief about life is the author trying to convey?)	Theme:
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Answers will vary.

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