

Writing competition

Reading is magic and can transport you to amazing and curious places.

Write a short story about a wonderful and magical place.

Deep Under

Lucy was a girl who adored doing gymnastics on the jetty. One particular day, a cartwheel went crooked, and she tumbled down towards the ocean below. Just as Lucy was about to hit the water, a grey figure shot across the water, and came to a halt directly underneath her. Once the girl landed on the mysterious creature, it swam her back to the shore. "What just happened?" Lucy muttered under her breath. She coughed and spluttered the entire walk home, thinking about her unknown rescuer. The next day, Lucy asked her parents if she could spend some alone time at the beach. Lucy was thirteen now, so they agreed that she was old enough. The curious teenager made her way across the pier, feeling a bit concerned about what she might face. Once the water became deep enough, she back-flipped into the refreshing water. There were whales, turtles and even sharks! Then she saw a dolphin, and realised that it was the one who saved her from drowning!

Lucy gave the dolphin a thank you pat, before swimming to the top to get air.

Then, without thinking, she took a breath. She was breathing... under water! Lucy looked at her body. Gills and fins! She started to swim around

gracefully, admiring the coral. Suddenly, there was a puff of glitter. Once it cleared, Lucy could see a majestic yellow squid, swiftly speeding away. "This place is beautiful," she whispered to herself. All of a sudden,

it turned dark. Lucy swam up to the surface then was horrified at what she saw. The entire beach was polluted! "Litter... everywhere!" shrieked the girl. Lucy scrambled out of the water and up onto the shore. She then grabbed all the litter she could carry and threw them in the bin. The determined girl continued this for a few more hours. Eventually, she gave up. It was way too much for her to do all by herself. Without ^{wasting} any

her dolphin friend, jumped out of the water, grabbed a piece of rubbish, and threw it into an open bin. Then, Lucy's other underwater besties did the same,

until the whole beach was spottless." We
did it!" Lucy squealed in delight. She hugged all of
her friends before getting out and leaving. Luckily
when she got out of the water, her gills and fins
disappeared. The ocean... was saved.

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