

# Chloe's Adventure to Merlantis



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Level 8 – Purple

# Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE IS A LIST OF ALTERNATIVE PRONUNCIATIONS OF GRAPHEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes

a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so)
u (but, unit)	c (cat, cent)	g (got, giant)	ow (cow, blow)
ie (tied, field)	ea (eat, bread)	er (farmer, herb)	ch (chin, school, chef)
y (yes, by, very, gym)	ou (out, shoulder, could, you)	o_e (home)	u_e (rule)

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.

Phase 5 Tricky Words

oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

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## TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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"Can I go and explore?" Chloe asked her mum. Her mum was lying in the sunshine reading a book. "Of course, you can. Just be safe," she said.



Chloe made her way down the beach and found a cave.

"Hello?" said Chloe into the cave. Her voice echoed along the walls. "Hello?" she said again.







There was something a bit farther into the cave. Chloe had to see what it was! She was so afraid, her tummy began to hurt. She took a deep breath and stepped in.

As she got deeper into the cave, she could see a pool of water. It was lit by the sun coming through a hole at the top of the cave.





The water glistened like crystal. Chloe got closer to it and looked into the water. She could see something swimming at the bottom. She leaned in closer.



Her hand slipped and she fell sideways, hitting her head and chin on the ground.

"Ouch," said Chloe. "That is going to be a headache," she said, rubbing it better.



“Are you hurt?” someone said from the other side of the cave. Chloe jumped, surprised to hear another voice. She looked up to see a boy swimming in the pool.



"Who are you and how did you get in here?" asked Chloe, looking confused.

"I am Christian. I swam here," he said with a cheeky smile.



“But you can’t swim into here,” said Chloe. Christian laughed and pulled himself out of the water, swinging a tail onto the side of the pool.





Chloe looked at the tail with wide eyes. "Are you a mermaid?" she asked.  
Christian shook his head. "I am a merman and I live in Merlantis," he said.





“Follow me, I’ll show you,” said Christian. He held out a hand for Chloe to get into the water. “I cannot breathe under water,” said Chloe, looking afraid.



Christian scooped some water into his hand and blew on it. A bubble began to form. He placed it over Chloe's head. "You will be able to breathe now," he said.



Chloe jumped into the water and dunked her head under. She could breathe! Christian took Chloe's hand and helped her to swim to the bottom of the pool. He clicked his fingers.



Bubbles twisted around them, then parted. An underwater town appeared in front of them. "Wow!" shouted Chloe. She felt like a character from one of her books.





Everything was decorated for Christmas! The church had a chorus of mermaids singing on the steps and they sounded perfect.





Chloe looked around at the different shops. There was a school with children playing in the playground. There was a chemist, a coffee shop, a clam shop, and a restaurant called 'The Anchor'.



"There is a Christmas market here. Would you like to have a look?" asked Christian.

"I would love to," said Chloe with a big smile on her face.



There were stalls full of different things.  
One of them was selling chameleons! Groups  
of merpeople were chatting and drinking hot  
drinks. Some were playing chess.



Christian took Chloe onto a ride where they were lifted high up and then dropped down a chute. She glided back down to the ground laughing.





Christian handed her a drink. It was bright green.

"What is this?" asked Chloe.

"It is a seaweed slush," said Christian.



Chloe turned her nose up at it.  
“Just try it!” said Christian. Chloe pushed  
the straw through her air bubble and took  
a sip. It tasted like cherries.  
“Yummy!” said Chloe.





"We are going to head back now," said Christian. "Your family will be looking for you."

"I do not want to leave yet," said Chloe.  
"I am having so much fun."



They made their way back to the pool.  
Christian clicked his fingers and they were  
back inside the cave.  
“Thank you for an amazing day,” said Chloe.  
“Come back soon?” asked Christian.

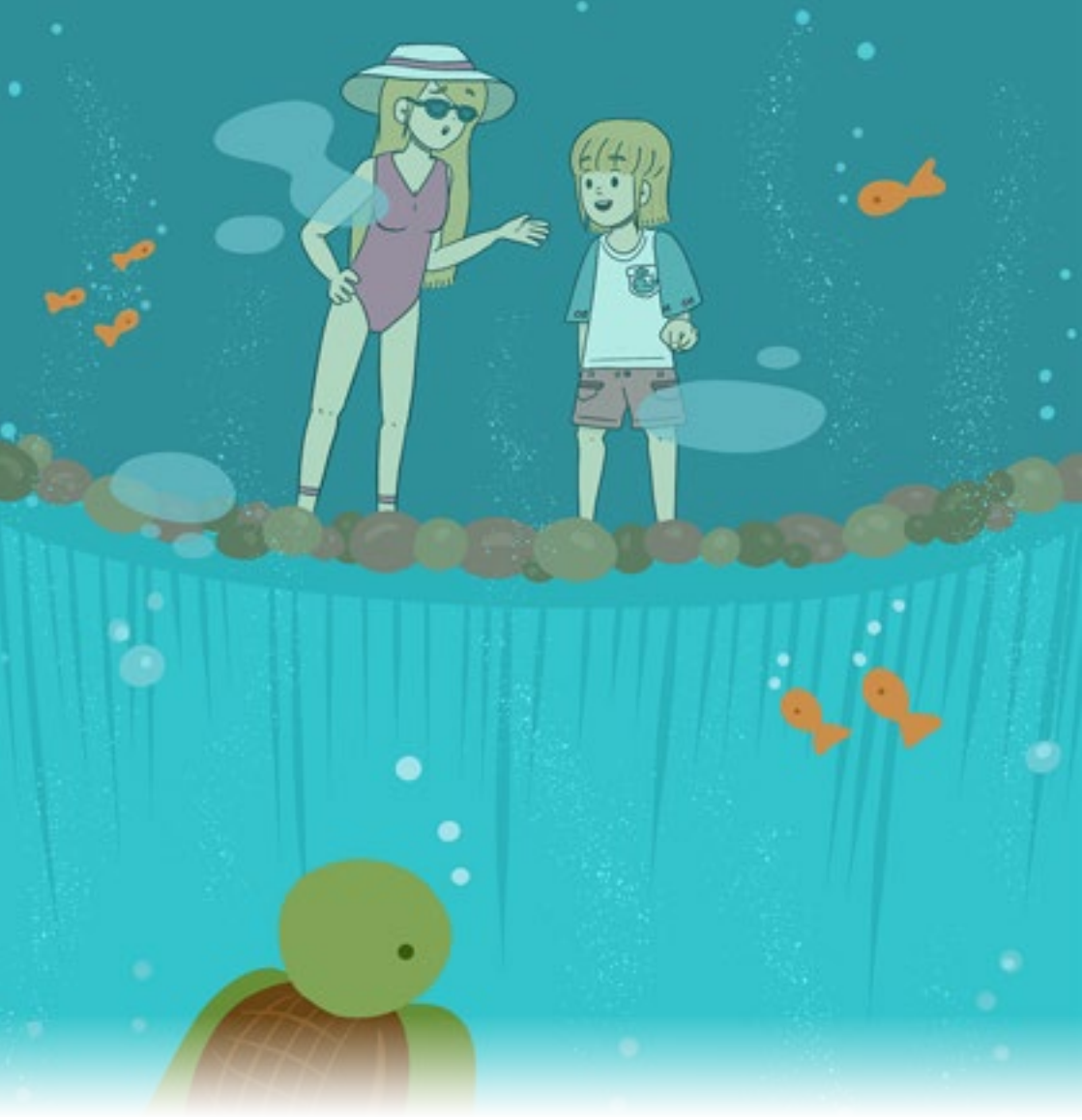




"I promise," said Chloe. Christian waved goodbye and swam away.

"There you are! I have been looking everywhere for you," said Chloe's mum.

"Where have you been?"



"I met a merman called Christian and he took me to the Christmas market in Merlantis," said Chloe. "I tried a seaweed slush that tasted like cherries. It was so yummy!"

"It sounds like you had an amazing day," said Chloe's mum.

"It was an adventure," said Chloe.

"You can tell me all about it on the way home," said Chloe's mum.



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1. What did Chloe find deep in the cave?
2. How was Chloe able to breathe under the water?
3. What was the name of the restaurant?
  - (a) The Anchor
  - (b) The Big Fish
  - (c) The Water Hole
4. What new things did Chloe try in Merlantis?
5. Chloe told her mum all about her adventure in Merlantis. What would you do if you found a whole new world?

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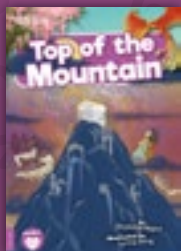
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