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The Girl at the Shore

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Nausicaa was a princess. One sunny day, she took the clothes to the river. Her friends came too.

They washed the clothes and put them on the rocks. Then they ate lunch. Then they played ball.

Oh no! The ball rolled away. It rolled to a man asleep in the bushes.

The man sat up. He was wet and tired. His ship had sunk in a storm.

The girls ran off. But Nausicaa did not run. "He needs our help," she said.

"Hello, stranger," she said. "Here is a cloak, and here is some bread." The man ate and said thank you.

Then she said, "Come with us. We will go to my mother and father." The man was glad.

At the palace, the king and queen were kind. They gave him a bed and a new coat.

That night there was a big feast. The man was quiet and sad. He missed his home.

The king said, "What is your name, stranger? Why are you sad?" The man stood up.

"I am Odysseus," he said. "I have been away from home for years. I want to go home."

The king gave him a ship. At last Odysseus sailed home. He did not forget the princess.

Questions

1. Who was Nausicaa?

A. A princess
B. A queen
C. A sailor

2. What rolled to the man?

A. A cart
B. A boat
C. A ball

3. What did Nausicaa give the stranger?

A. A ship
B. A cloak and bread
C. A ball

4. Why was the man tired and wet?

A. He ran a race
B. His ship had sunk in a storm
C. He swam for fun

5. In this story, what does "stranger" mean?

A. Someone you do not know
B. A close friend
C. A brother

6. What did the king give Odysseus?

A. A horse
B. A new home
C. A ship and men to row

Words to know

princess: a king's daughter
stranger: someone new
cloak: a long coat
feast: a big meal

Answer key: The Girl at the Shore

1. A. A princess
2. C. A ball
3. B. A cloak and bread
4. B. His ship had sunk in a storm
5. A. Someone you do not know
6. C. A ship and men to row