

# Sirena

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## Questions to Consider

1. Why do you think Sirena and her nāna had a hard time understanding each other? What did Sirena want? What did her nāna want?
2. How do you respond when your parents want something for you that you don't want? Why is it important to consider what they want for you?
3. How do you express yourself to elders without being disrespectful?
4. Sirena felt most free in the ocean. Where do you feel most free and why?
5. Sirena's nina was able to understand her in a special way. Who is a trusted adult that you can turn to when you need understanding? Why is this relationship important?

## Creative Prompts

1. If you could write a new ending to the story of Sirena, what would happen? Think about all of the characters -- Sirena, her nāna and her nina -- and be sure to include them in your new ending.
2. Write a letter to someone who has always been there for you even when others don't understand you or your desires. Tell them why you value your relationship with them.
3. Write a story about a character who wants something that others don't approve of or understand. How does the character handle this situation?



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