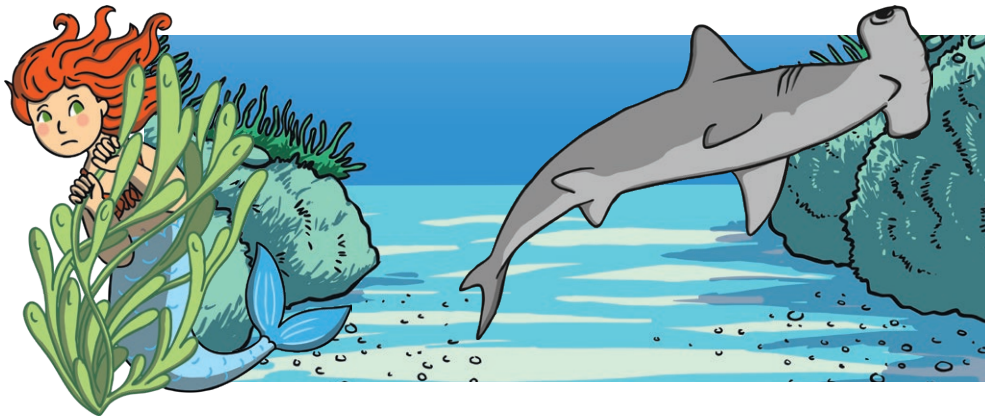


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# Quick Questions



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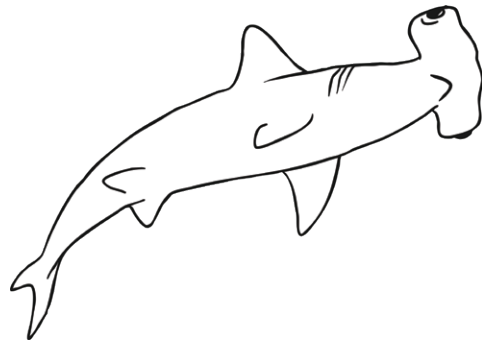
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# Answers



1. Who did the mermaid go to visit?

**The mermaid went to visit her grandma.**



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**The mermaid swam quietly past the creepy shipwreck because she did not want to wake up the grumpy, old shark.**



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**Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, such as: I think that the grumpy, old shark will wake up and chase the mermaid but she will be saved by her family.**