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Directions: Read the paragraphs and answer the questions below.

Goal: To practice reading comprehension for a paragraph.

Mabel The Mermaid

Mabel the Mermaid had a skin problem. It was kind of flaky and full of scales. She went to Dr. Manna Ray but he tried to put the bite on her and sting her with a large bill. She swam over to Dr. Eel's office but found his treatment was too shocking even though it was an electrifying experience. Dr. Lobster gave her some medicine to use in a pinch, but it proved ineffective. Dr. Octopus was happy to give a hand and cover her with black ink. However, Mabel was not satisfied with this type of makeup.

One day she sat sadly on the bank of a river when an alligator slithered up beside her and slyly suggested having supper together. She refused, saying she was too unattractive because of her skin problems. The alligator assured her that her skin was so lovely to look at, so tender and tantalizing. Mabel was so happy someone thought she was beautiful, that she didn't notice the sound of licking lips until it was too late and the 'gator ate her. Gulp!

1. What would be a good title for this story? _____

2. Name the different sea animals. _____

3. What is the moral of the story? _____
