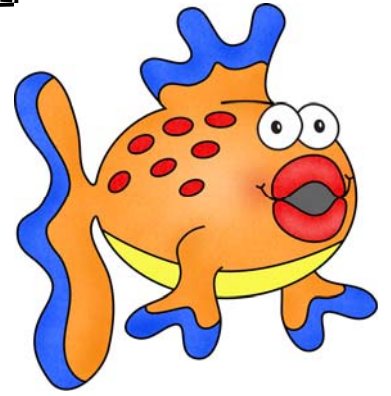


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Phil the Phony Fish



Phil is a fish who likes to fool around. He was always swimming about and pretending to be something he wasn't. He would swim up to the other fish and say, "Look at me! I'm a big, strong fish!" But the other fish knew he was just a phony, and they would laugh at him. Phil was always telling them fibs. One day, Phil the phony fish decided to swim to the top of the sea. He wanted to see what it was like to be on land. When he got to the top, he realized that he could not breathe. He started to panic, and he swam back down to the bottom of the sea as fast as he could. The other fish were waiting for him. They said, "We told you that you were a phony fish!" The phony fish was so embarrassed. He swam away and never went back to play with them again.

Moral of the story: Don't pretend to be someone you're not. Be yourself, and people will like you for who you are.

1. Read the passage about Phil the Phony Fish
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **Who was Phil the Fish pretending to be?**
 - a. the smartest fish
 - b. the biggest fish
 - c. something he wasn't

2. **Phil was always telling:**
 - a. fibs
 - b. jokes
 - c. tall talks

3. **One day Phil decided to:**
 - a. play a trick on the other fish
 - b. swim to the top of the sea
 - c. swim to the bottom of the sea

4. **When he swam back to the bottom of the sea, the other fish:**
 - a. told him he was silly
 - b. told him he was a phony fish
 - c. told him he was no fun

5. **Is there a moral to this story?**
 - a. no
 - b. yes

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
2. *Making Connections*
3. *Summarizing*
4. *Visualizing*

1. Why was Phil called the Phony Fish?
2. Do you know anyone like Phil? Explain.
3. In two sentences summarize what this reading passage is all about.
4. What images went through your mind as you read the reading passage?
5. What advice could you give to Phil?
6. The moral is: *'Don't pretend to be someone you're not. Be yourself, and people will like you for who you are'.*
Explain what this means.