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Zoë and the Mermaids

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At last it was the summer holidays, and the fairies were enjoying a day at the fairies' special beach, where the sun always shines, and the sea is just the right temperature for swimming in.

As soon as they arrived the fairies scattered along the beach, splashing, playing and swimming.

After Zoë and Pip went swimming in the sea, they decided to build a sandcastle.
'Wouldn't it be great if we saw some mermaids here?' Zoë said, as they made their way back to the Fairy Queen.
'We'll have to keep an eye out,' Pip replied.

They told the Fairy Queen that they were going further down the beach where there were fewer fairies and more sand, and that they were on the lookout for mermaids.
'I'm not certain you'll see any mermaids . . .' the Fairy Queen said, 'but see if you can find me a pretty shell instead.'