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## Tim And Ginger

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Tim was a small boy who lived in a house by the sea.

Every day, when the weather was fine, he and his best friend, Ginger, would play on the beach.

When the tide was high and the sea came right up to the steep shingle bank, Tim and Ginger would play ducks and drakes by throwing flat pebbles so they skipped across the water.

Ginger was very good at this.





When the tide was low and the sea went far out, they would dig in the sand for lug worms which they sold to the fishermen for bait.

Tim, because he worked harder, always found more worms than Ginger.



However, what Tim liked to do best was to sit and talk with the old boatman who would tell him all about the sea and ships.

This sometimes bored Ginger, who thought he knew everything about everything, though of course he did not.

"Poof!" he would say. "I have been a sailor boy and know all about the silly old sea." Then he would go off and practise playing ducks and drakes and get even better at it than before.

