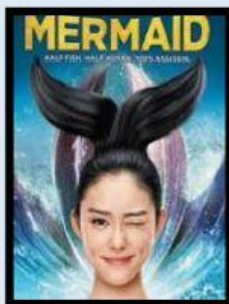


# The Mermaid [Reading]



I was really excited to see The Mermaid, which has made more money than any Chinese movie in history! Based on an old fairy tale, it tells the story of a businessman who falls in love with a mermaid. However, it is not only a romance. The mermaid is also a comedy, with an important message about saving our oceans I thought it was a great movie. It made me laugh and I really wanted a happy ending for the lead characters, played by Deng Chao

and Lin Yun. I was stunned that Lin Yun was not a professional actor before this movie! She won a talent contest for the role of a mermaid, beating 120,000 other girls. Overall, I would strongly recommend this movie because it looks stunning and has something for everyone.

**Read the statements and drag and drop into the correct TRUE or FALSE box.**

The movie tells us to look after our environment.

The writer doesn't care about the lead characters.

There were 120,000 actors in the Mermaid.

The movie is about a doctor who falls in love with a mermaid.

The Mermaid made more money than any Chinese movie in history.

The movie doesn't have any important message about our environment.

The Mermaid is played by Lin Yun.

Lin Yun was a professional actress even before this movie.

The writer recommends this movie for everyone to watch.

The Mermaid is a horror-comedy movie.

Deng Chao is one of the lead characters in this movie.

The Mermaid is a movie based on an old fairy tale.

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## Listening Activity

Listen to the audio file and choose the answers from the dropdown arrow.

### Watching a Movie

Kenneth went to the 1]..... theater. He likes to watch action movies. The more action, the better. He waited for his friends. They had plan to 2]..... at 5 P.M. He waited outside. Twenty minutes 3]..... . His friends were not there. He called one of them. It went straight to voicemail. He wondered where his 4]..... were.

He was getting upset. He 5]..... his other friends. They did not answer. He 6]..... back to the theater. He bought a ticket. He went to the concession stand. He 7]..... popcorn and soda. He went inside the viewing room. He found a comfy seat. He sat down. He 8]..... the movie all by himself.

# Excellent work!