clownfish	dogfish	jokes	sea
lionfish	serious	shark	laugh

Marty the Clownfish

Marty was sad in the sea. As a clownfish, he felt like he should be funny. As a clownfish, he was not funny.

He was not funny at all. He was very serious and did not make anyone laugh.

He told jokes to the lionfish, but they did not laugh. He told jokes to the dogfish, but they did not laugh either.



"I am a clownfish, and I should be funny," Marty said aloud.

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"You don't have to be funny," said a shark from nearby. "You are kind and helpful. You are friendly and smart."

"But clowns make people laugh, so a clownfish should make fish laugh," said Marty.

"The lionfish do not act like lions. The dogfish do not act like dogs," the shark told him.



"Marty, just be yourself."

So, Marty did just that. He stopped trying to tell jokes. Soon, the fish all liked him. Soon, he had a lot of fish friends.

One day, Marty said, "I am going to tell you all a joke."

"Marty, no! No more jokes!"

Marty said, "Just kidding!"

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Marty the Clownfish (exercises)

1. Choose the correct answer.

What kind of fish is Marty?

a. angelfish
b. clownfish
c. lionfish
d. swordfish

Marty is sad because:

a. He is not tall.
b. He is not smart.
c. He is not funny.
d. He is not red.

Which of the following is a lesson that Marty learned in the story?

a. Be yourself.
b. Try harder.
c. Tell the truth.
d. Study more.

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2. Circle the correct choice in the sentences below.

In the story, the *(stingray / shark)* helps Marty.

At the end of the story, Marty wants to *(read a book / tell a joke)* to his friends.

Marty lives in the *(river / sea)*.

3. Write a sentence below to tell how Marty got new friends in the story.

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Marty the Clownfish (answers)

1. Choose the correct answer.

What kind of fish is Marty?
b. clownfish

Marty is sad because:
c. He is not funny.

Which of the following is a lesson that Marty learned in the story?
a. Be yourself.

2. Circle the correct choice in the sentences below.

In the story, the *(stingray / shark)* helps Marty.

At the end of the story, Marty wants to *(read a book / tell a joke)* to his friends.

Marty lives in the *(river / sea)*.

3. Write how Marty got new friends in the story.

Marty stopped telling jokes and just acted like himself.

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