

Read the text and do the activities about it.

Sedna was a beautiful Inuit girl who didn't want to get married. Many **hunters** wanted to marry her, but she refused their offers. Her father was always telling her, "I am getting older, and soon you will need a good husband who can provide you with food and **furs**. You must marry soon." Sedna still wasn't interested.

Soon a young hunter from a distant place came to her father's camp. He was dressed in warm furs, and spoke very well. He promised to provide a good home and plenty of animals for food and clothing. **Although** he kept his face hidden under his **hood**, Sedna was very impressed with him, so she agreed to marry him.

Sedna got into her husband's kayak and travelled with him to her new home. When they arrived at his island, she saw that her home was some sticks and bits of moss and feathers clinging to a large rock. Her husband took off his hood, and she realized that he was not a man, but an **evil** creature. He never hunted, he only caught fish. Sedna was cold, lonely, hungry, and very unhappy. Every day she cried for her father to come and save her. Her father heard her cries and decided to rescue her. He paddled his kayak to the island where she was living. On their way home, Sedna looked back and saw that the creature was following them. He was gaining on them quickly. As he came close, her father took his **paddle** and hit him, who fell back. Then creature called the power of other evil creatures and caused an enormous **storm** in the sea.

When her father saw that their lives were in danger, he became afraid for his own life. He threw Sedna over the side of the kayak. Sedna tried to save herself. She **grabbed** onto the kayak with her fingers, but her father took his paddle and beat at her fingers until they broke off. Sedna **sank** into the ocean

She lives at the bottom of the ocean. She is the goddess of the sea. She is the one who provides animals for the hunters, but only when she feels generous. When she is angry, and this is often, the hunters can't find food; and the people go hungry.

Credits:

Story adapted by Mary Mahoney from a traditional Inuit legend. The Inuit people live in the Arctic regions of Canada, Greenland and Alaska.



Translate these words:

Hunters:

Furs:

Although:

Hood:

Evil:

Paddle:

Storm:

Grab:

Sink / sank:

Choose the correct alternative:

What did her father want Sedna to do?

- a. get married
- b. hunt for food
- c. make clothing from animal skins

How did Sedna react to the hunters' proposals of marriage?

- a. She refused their offers.
- b. She said, "Maybe later."
- c. She was interested.

Why did Sedna agree to marry the young hunter?

- a. He was rich.
- b. He promised her money.
- c. He made a good impression.

What did Sedna find out when she got to her new home?

- a. Her husband was a fisherman, not a hunter.
- b. Her husband was evil
- c. There were no clothes for her.

Why did her husband keep his face hidden?

- a. He didn't want her to know he wasn't human
- b. It was a sign of respect.
- c. So the animals couldn't recognise him.

Are these sentences True or False? Write T or F

The creature caused a storm calling the gods of the water

Sedna's father threw her out of the kayak

Sedna's father broke her fingers

Complete the spaces with the words in the list

**creature cried face food hunter interested kayak life out paddling
promised provides rescue threw unhappy well-dressed**

Sedna wasn't in getting married, until she met a young who was and had a nice voice and her a good life. Even though he refused to show his, she agreed to marry him. When she got to her new home she found that her husband was not a man, but an evil

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. Every day she for her father to come and her. Her father heard her and came in his

. They were home when Sedna noticed her husband coming after them. When he came close, her father took the paddle and him, causing him to fall back. The angry creature then asked other creatures to help him create a storm. Sedna's father was afraid for his, so he his daughter out of the kayak.

Sedna is now the goddess of the sea. When she's happy, she animals for the hunters.