

Luca (2021 film)

Below, you'll find the main plot of the movie divided into 5 paragraphs. For each paragraph, there's a task for you to do:



OPEN CLOZE: Task 1 – Fill in the blanks with **ONE** suitable word.

1_____ the 1950s–1960s, Luca Paguro, 2_____ timid young sea monster, herds goatfish 3_____ the coast of the Italian city 4_____ Portorosso. 5_____ parents, fearing that humans might hunt him, forbid him to approach 6_____ surface. One day, Luca meets Alberto Scorfano, a fellow sea monster child 7_____ lives alone above the surface, claiming that his father simply is not 8_____ much. Alberto encourages Luca to adventure out of the ocean, showing him that sea monsters turn 9_____ humans when dry, 10_____ return to their true forms when wet. Luca follows Alberto to his hideout, 11_____ the boys connect while making and riding a makeshift, fragile Vespa. Upon discovering their son's actions, Luca's parents plan 12_____ send Luca to live in the deep sea with his uncle Ugo. In retaliation, Luca and Alberto run 13_____ to Portorosso to find a real Vespa and travel the 14_____.

WORD FORMATION: Task 2 – Fill in the blanks with a word derived from the one given in capitals.

The boys run afoul of Ercole Visconti, the local bully and repeat champion of the Portorosso Cup Triathlon, who tries to dunk Luca in a fountain. Giulia Marcovaldo, a 15_____ (YOUTH) girl, helps them escape. In hopes of winning the money needed for a Vespa, the boys and Giulia form a team for the triathlon, which involves swimming, pasta-eating, and biking. 16_____ (ABLE) to swim without revealing themselves, Luca and Alberto 17_____ (RESPECTIVE) take on the biking and pasta-eating races, while Giulia takes the swimming race. Upon learning this, Ercole vows to beat the group.

While the boys train for the race, and 18 _____ (FRIEND) Giulia's fisherman father Massimo (who was born with only one arm), Luca's parents head to the surface to find their son. Giulia teaches Luca about school, and the two bond over a love of learning, especially about astronomy. Alberto becomes 19 _____ (JEALOUSY) of Luca and Giulia's growing 20 _____ (FRIEND). When Luca starts ignoring Alberto's 21 _____ (ADVISE), and tries changing their plans to going to school instead of traveling the world, he and Alberto fight. In 22 _____ (ANGRY), Alberto 23 _____ (INTENTION) reveals his 24 _____ (TRUTH) form to Giulia. Luca feigns surprise at the 25 _____ (TRANSFORM), and a heartbroken Alberto is driven off by Ercole. Giulia later splashes water on a 26 _____ (PANICK) Luca; seeing his true 27 _____ (IDENTIFY), she sends him away for his own 28 _____ (SAFE).

PREPOSITIONS: TASK 3 – Complete the blanks with the missing preposition.

Luca attempts to reconcile 29 _____ Alberto, and discovers that Alberto's father abruptly abandoned him long ago, making Alberto think he was a bad kid who should not have friends. Luca sets 30 _____ to win the Vespa 31 _____ his own, to make things right. 32 _____ several mishaps, Luca takes the lead 33 _____ the bicycle race, but is forced to take shelter when it starts to rain. Alberto arrives 34 _____ an umbrella, but Ercole knocks it 35 _____ and both boys are revealed 36 _____ sea monsters. They flee Ercole, who now intends to harpoon them to collect bounty money; Giulia helps 37 _____ smashing her bike 38 _____ Ercole's, but she is injured. Luca and Alberto turn 39 _____ to help her, finally standing 40 _____ to Ercole. They are defended 41 _____ Ercole and the other fisherman by Massimo, who reveals that the boys are his friends. He also points 42 _____ they have crossed the finish line and won the race. Other disguised sea monsters reveal themselves, including Luca's family, and the townsfolk happily welcome them. When Ercole refuses to accept the changes, his own henchmen Ciccio and Guido throw him 43 _____ the fountain, fed up 44 _____ his abuse.

Task 4 – Put the verbs in the right place

attends talks see stay promise sells showing
walk becomes enjoy purchase

Luca and Alberto **45** _____ a Vespa, but the latter **46** _____ it to buy a train ticket for Luca, allowing him to go to school in Genoa with Giulia. Luca's family, Massimo, and Alberto **47** _____ Luca and Giulia off at the train station, where they all **48** _____ to **49** _____ in touch. During the credits, Luca meets Giulia's mother and **50** _____ school, **51** _____ off his sea monster appearance and later watching humans **52** _____ on the moon with Giulia on television. Massimo **53** _____ Alberto's adoptive father, and Alberto and Luca's family **54** _____ interacting with the humans in Portorosso. In a post-credits scene, Ugo **55** _____ to a stray goatfish about how great his life is in the depths of the ocean.

Task 5 – Do you agree that the themes explored in the movie are the ones listed below? Justify

- A CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP
- ACCEPTANCE AND IDENTITY
- ADVENTURE
- OVERCOMING FEARS AND DIFFICULTIES
- GETTING OUT OF ONE'S COMFORT ZONE

Who is your favourite character? How would you describe them?
Drag the adjectives and drop them where they fit best 😊

Luca	Alberto	Giulia	Massimo	Luca's parents	Ercole

conceited timid adventurous determined friendly over-protective
inquisitive curious gregarious good-hearted kind arrogant serious
quirky charismatic cautious free-spirited expressive

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

CAN YOU SPOT 7 DIFFERENCES?

