

Writer Task – The Enchanted Coral Kingdom

General Concept:

“The Enchanted Coral Kingdom” is an educational IDN that follows a curious fish named Crystal. When out exploring, Crystal stumbles upon a message in a bottle and must decide if she will answer its call. The journey ahead will push Crystal to make difficult decisions, solve various puzzles, and meet new friends. With each new challenge, Crystal will discover the biodiversity and complexity of coral reefs while searching for the solution to save the mystical world.

Settings:

The Open Ocean

- At the start of our IDN, Crystal is out exploring the world around her, as she always does.

This setting includes a kelp forest, rock formations, and ocean sand. Within the opening setting, the user can explore the world around them and interact with various objects.

Dialogue and Branching Narratives:

There once was a small fish with the most beautiful shimmer of blue and pink hues. While small, Crystal was mighty and always ready for adventure.

She was always told curiosity would lead her down new paths, and she could not wait to see where they would take her.

Whenever Crystal had time, she would explore the ocean around her.

Today was one of those days.

Looking both ways, Crystal made sure the coast was clear and began swimming

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Further into the kelp forest until she could see the sand below.

Crystal loved the sand because she never knew what she would find. She even had her own collection of found things. Today, she hopes to find an empty shell to add to her collection. While swimming around, Crystal sees a sparkle. (disappearing text)

Wait a minute.... Did you see that too?

Swimming quickly towards the source, Crystal starts digging in the sand.

Digging sounds

With a final sweep, Crystal finds herself staring back at a bottle. A bottle with something inside!

Crystal **shook, shook, and smashed** the bottle to try and open it.

- 1) Crystal could see the object in the bottle swirling around, but she could not get it **out**.
- 2) With the mystery object bouncing up and down, the top came loose, and paper came **flying out!**
 - a) **"Hurry! We have to catch it before it gets too far away."**
 - i) **"Over there!"**
 - (1) **"Got it!"**
- 3) With a loud crash, the bottle **shatters**, but with it, so did whatever was inside. Picking up the pieces, Crystal tries her best to put it back together.
 - i) **"Let's try putting the top piece here, the bottom piece here, and the last piece here."**
 - (1) **"That doesn't look right. Maybe I need to twist it."**
 - (2) **"Getting closer, let me switch these two pieces."**
 - (3) **"Perfect!"**

Looking down at her fins, Crystal finds the lines of a map forming on the paper.

insert a map image with clickable options to explore. Ideally, we could have a description of each setting

As Crystal looks at the map, she hears someone calling for her in the distance.

Thinking quickly, Crystal

- 1) **Decides to hide the map and start swimming back.**
 - a) While swimming back, Crystal could not stop thinking about the map. What will it lead to? Will it be there when she gets back?

- i) Still, she swims **back home**.
 - (1) That is, until she sees another **sparkle**.
 - (a) As she gets closer, she realizes it wasn't a sparkle but rather a light shining between the rocks. Crystal could not help herself and wiggled her way closer to follow the **light**.
 - (i) **Swimming**
 - (ii) **Swimming**
 - (iii) **Swimming**
 - (iv) **"Wow!"**

2) Starts swimming further in towards the path on the map.

- a) Before long, Crystal faces a **fork (not that type of fork, silly! It means there are two ways to go)** in the road. "Which way should I go?"

- i) **Left**

- (1) Turning left, Crystal comes face-to-face with a family of shrimp! Quickly apologizing for scaring them, Crystal swims forward towards the **left / right**.
 - (a) Left - Keeping on her path Crystal begins to notice coral forming and fellow fish swimming **by**.
 - (i) Following the fellow fish, Crystal finds herself approaching a large opening.
 - (b) Right - Crystal looks around, and something does not seem **right**.

- ii) **Right**

- (1) Swimming left, Crystal is stopped by a large rock **blocking** her path.

Staring straight ahead Crystal finds a beautiful kingdom unfolding around her. She sees the most colorful and giant coral ever, and together, the coral is shaped into houses, shops, and even a palace!

Turtles, fellow fish, and shrimp are swimming all around her. All shadowed in a shimmering glow.

"I need to explore!"