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Inglés

Área audiovisual
Película: La Sirenita
(The Little Mermaid)

Clasificación
IVI6 S473

Dirección: Ron Clements, John Musker

Producción: Disney

Formato: DVD

Año: 1989

Duración: 96 min

Síntesis: Based on the Danish fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, The Little Mermaid tells the story of a beautiful, romantic and naive sea princess who dreams of becoming human. Her story gets complex when she falls for a Prince who doesn't belong to her world.

Nivel de dificultad de comprensión del idioma: Básico

Recomendaciones para mejorar la comprensión:

*If your language understanding is basic watch the film with subtitles in Spanish.

*If your language understanding is intermediate watch the film with subtitles in English.

* If your language understanding is upper-intermediate or advanced watch the film without subtitles.

Actividades propuestas

Antes de ver la película:

a) Do you know who wrote the story of "The Little Mermaid"? Read the following information:

He was a Danish author and poet. **Hans Christian Andersen** is best remembered for his fairy tales. Andersen's popularity is not limited to children; his stories—called "fairy-tales"—express themes that transcend age and nationality.

Andersen's fairy tales, which have been translated into more than 125 languages, have become culturally necessary in the children daily life, these stories present lessons of virtue and courage in the face of adversity. They have inspired plays, ballets, and both live-action and animated films. April 2, Andersen's birthday, is celebrated as International Children's Book Day.

Durante la película:

Contesta lo siguiente:

*Match the questions with their answer.

a) What are the names of King Triton's daughters?	() Flounder
b) What is the name of the court composer?	() Because she missed the concert in which she was going to sing

Género: Infantil

Interpretación (actores): Ariel (Jodi Benson), Prince Eric (Christopher Daniel Barnes), Ursula (Pat Carroll)

Subtítulos: Inglés, Español



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c) What is the name of Ariel's friend?	() Things that belong to the human's world
d) What objects does Ariel collect?	() Attina, Aquata, Andrina, Adella, Arista, Alana
e) Why is Triton angry with Ariel?	() Ursula
f) What is the name of the sea witch?	() Horatio Thelonious Ignacious Crustaceous Sebastian

g) When Ariel enters to the cavern where she keeps her collection she sings a song, write in your words what is what she desires the most.

h) What happens when Prince Erik's ship sinks?

Ariel _____.

i) What are Ariel's feelings for Erik?

Ariel _____.

j) Watch the following fragment 0:28:53 to 0:30:35 without subtitles and complete the lyrics of the song:

Under the Sea

The seaweed is always _____

In _____ else's lake

You _____ about going up there

But that is a big _____

Just look at the world _____ you

Right here on the _____ floor

Such _____ things surround you

What _____ is you lookin' for?

Under the sea

Under the sea

Darling it's _____

_____ where it's wetter

_____ it from me

Up on the shore they _____ all day

Out in the _____ they slave away

While we devotin'

Full _____ to floatin'

Under the sea

Down here all the _____ is happy

As off through the _____ they roll

The fish on the _____ ain't happy

They sad _____ they in their bowl

But fish in the bowl is _____

They in for a worsen fate

One day when the _____ get hungry

_____ who's gon' be on the plate

Under the sea

Under the sea

Nobody beat us

_____ us and _____ us

In fricassee

We what the land folks _____ to cook

Under the sea we off the hook

We got no _____

Life is the _____

Under the sea

Under the sea

Since _____ is sweet here

We got the beat here

Naturally

Even the sturgeon an' the _____

They get the urge 'n' start to _____

We got the _____

You got to _____ it

Under the sea



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k) What happens when Triton discovers Ariel's secret?

He _____.

*Watch the following fragment 0:39:00 to 45:10 and answer the following question:

l) Explain in your words Ursula's offering to solve Ariel's problem?

Después de ver la película:

Contesta lo siguiente:

a) Order the story chronologically:

_____ Ursula makes a deal with Ariel to transform her into a human for three days in exchange for her voice. Within these three days, Ariel must receive the "kiss of true love" from Eric; otherwise, she will transform back into a mermaid and belong to Ursula. Ariel is then given human legs and taken to the surface by Flounder and Sebastian. Eric finds Ariel on the beach and takes her to his castle. Ariel spends time with Eric, and at the end of the second day, they almost kiss.

_____ Furious, Triton confronts Ursula and demands that she release Ariel, but the deal is inviolable. At Ursula's urging, the king agrees to take Ariel's place as Ursula's prisoner. Ariel is released as Triton transforms into a polyp and loses his authority over Atlantica, and Ursula declares herself the new ruler. In frustration, Ariel confronts Ursula.

_____ Ariel, a sixteen-year-old mermaid princess, is dissatisfied with life under the sea and curious about the human world. With her best fish friend Flounder, Ariel collects human artifacts and goes to the surface of the ocean. She ignores the warnings of her father King Triton and his adviser Sebastian that contact between mermaids and humans is forbidden.

_____ Ursula disguises herself as a beautiful young woman named Vanessa and appears on shore singing with Ariel's voice. Eric recognizes the song and, in her disguise, Ursula casts a hypnotic enchantment on Eric to make him forget about Ariel. The next day, Ariel finds out that Eric will be married to the disguised Ursula.

_____ One night, Ariel, Flounder and Sebastian travel to the ocean surface to watch a celebration for the birthday of Prince Eric on a ship, with whom Ariel falls in love. In the storm the ship is destroyed and Ariel saves Eric. Ariel sings to him, but quickly leaves to avoid being discovered. Fascinated by the memory of her voice, Eric wants to find who saved and sung to him and Ariel wants to find a way to join him and his world.

_____ Ursula is about to use the trident to destroy her, but Eric throws a harpoon at her and saves Ariel. Just as Ursula attempts to destroy Eric, Ariel attacks Ursula.

_____ Observing a change in Ariel's behavior, Triton questions Sebastian about it and discovers her love for Eric. In frustration, Triton confronts Ariel in her cave, and destroys most of the objects with his trident and ends up hurting her feelings. After Triton leaves, Ursula's pets convince Ariel to visit Ursula the sea witch in order to be with Eric.

_____ Ursula attempts to destroy Ariel who is trapped in the storm; Eric kills Ursula. Ursula's power breaks, causing Triton and all the other polyps in Ursula's garden to revert into their original forms. Realizing that Ariel truly loves Eric, Triton changes her from a mermaid into a human. Ariel and Eric marry on a ship.

_____ Ariel discovers Ursula and tries to stop her; Ursula's neck is broken, restoring Ariel's voice and breaking Ursula's enchantment over Eric. Realizing that Ariel was his real love, Eric rushes to kiss her, but the sun sets and Ariel transforms back into a mermaid.

b) The short story written by Andersen is quite different to Disney's version, watch the following videos (they are in chronological order) and write five differences between both versions:

1- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RYXulbnLgo>

2- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZOWlh-MhXU>

Disney's version	Hans Christian Andersen's version