

The Seven Stones of Sligo

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- 1 *Homographs* are words with the same spelling, but different meaning. The following words are pairs of homographs. Write sentences for each word in the pair to show their differences.

bear/bear _____

fair/fair _____

bank/bank _____

bat/bat _____

- 2 *Commas* are used to separate words, phrases and clauses within sentences. These words may give extra information but don't change the meaning of a sentence. Rewrite the following passage with three commas.

"Eventually the mermaid stirred and opened her eyes. At first she was startled to see the young chieftain but he held out his hand to her and spoke in gentle tones and she knew that she had no need to be afraid."

- 3 Use the dictionary to find the meanings of the following words.

leprechaun _____

mermaid _____

tresses _____

chieftain _____

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1 The events of this story allow you to ask and answer many questions. Try these.

a The old chieftain and young prince were very close. Why?

b The young prince received many marriage proposals but refused them. Why?

c The prince hid the mermaid's shawl. Why?

d Upon learning the location of the shawl, the chieftain's wife had to find it. Why?

e The seven children disappeared. Why?

f The chieftain gave up his position and wealth and moved to the edge of the sea. Why?

2 On the back of this sheet construct a story map, which includes the following highlights and lowlights.

- a The friendships of the old chieftain and the prince.
- b The death of the old chieftain.
- c The prince's discovery of the mermaid.
- d The hiding of the shawl.
- e Their marriage and family life.
- f The wife's discovery of the shawl.
- g Her return to the ocean.
- h The fate of the seven children.
- i The loneliness of the chieftain.

