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human fish

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stormy

icy

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8. Circle all of the answers that tell us what could happen to you if you hear a mermaid sing according to British folklore.

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- You could fall asleep. ☐
- You could be eaten in the depths of the sea. ☐
- You could be spirited to the mermaid world. ☐
- You could walk on the surface of the water. ☐

9. People from which culture believe in the mermaid entity known as Mami Wata?

- Egyptian                      Greek                      African                      Indian

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- sea nymph                      merman                      Mami Wata

11. What supernatural power were mermaids said to have in Ancient Greek folklore? (tick the correct answer)

- The ability to heal injured sailors. ☐
- The ability to raise and calm storms. ☐
- The ability sing really high musical notes. ☐

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*captivated*

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*Hans Christian Anderson in 1836*

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*Eating the flesh of a ningyo is thought to give you everlasting life and youth.*

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7. Describe a mermaid according to British folklore.

*Accept something like: A mermaid according to British folklore, has the upper body of a human and the bottom half of a fish. They are beautiful and are often found sitting on a rock combing their long hair.*



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Accept something like: Sea nymphs have the upper body of a beautiful, young female with sad eyes. Ningyo are not described as beautiful, they are said to have grotesque and deformed features, bony fingers and sharp claws. The lower half of both a sea nymph and a ningyo are both fish like.

