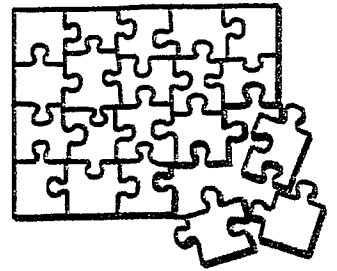


Bold Beginnings - Memoir

One sunny day I went to the beach and saw a mermaid.



ACTION

I dove into the ocean, kicked my feet in the cool water, stood up, and wiped the water from my face. I paused. Something strange near the rocks caught my eye.

DIALOGUE

"What a great day for the beach!" I yelled as I splashed in the waves.

A THOUGHT, A QUESTION, OR FEELING

(If you were at the beach, what might you be thinking or feeling?)

If only I could swim out to that sandbar, I thought. There's something very strange out there. Something I've never seen here at the beach before.

A SOUND EFFECT *(What sounds might you hear at the beach?)*

Kersplash! The waves crashed over me as I stood staring at the strange sight out on the jetty.