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Hum and Swish by Matt Myers



Vocabulary Possibilities: sea, hum, swish, stranger, questions, pretty, sunblock, canvas, easel	
Page	Question
Pg. 1-2	 What does it mean to be friends? In what ways do you think Jamie and the sea will be friends? What does it mean to hum? Show us. How does a swish sound?
Pg. 3-4	 What kind of questions do you think the people coming and going will ask? What would you ask Jamie? What do you notice about what Jamie is creating?
Pg. 5-6	 What kind of things could you find on the beach to create, like Jamie is? Have you ever been to the beach? What was it like? Who was there?
Pg. 7-8	 Jamie is turned away from the person on this page. For what reason do you think she looked away? Have you ever had a stranger ask you a question? How did it feel?
Pg. 9-10	 Can you think of something pretty? What was it? Tell us about it. Do you think what Jamie is making is pretty? Why or why not?
Pg. 11-12	 Look at Jamie's creation now. What do you notice? Tell us about it. What would you call what Jamie is making? How would you answer this kiddo's question?
Pg. 13-14	 Take a look at Jamie's face. How do you think Jamie is feeling? What do you think is bothering Jamie?
Pg. 15-16	 Imagine you are on a beach. What sounds do you hear? What would you do if you were on this beach with Jamie? How do you think the swishing waves make Jamie feel?
Pg. 17-18	 Can you remember what questions the people on the beach asked? What stories do you think the sea would tell, if the sea could talk?
Pg. 19-20	 What is sunblock? Have you ever had to wear sunblock outside? How would you describe Jamie's creation in this picture? If you could ask Jamie any question, what would it be?
Pg. 21-22	 When you go to the beach, would you rather play in the water or make a creation like Jamie did? Have you ever worked really hard on a project that took a long time? Tell us about it.

Pg. 23-24	 What do you notice about the person who came to the beach in this picture? What do you bring with you to the beach? Do you play with things from home or play with things you find at the beach?
Pg. 25-26	What did the new person at the beach bring?What do you think she is going to do?
Pg. 27-28	 What do you think the new person at the beach is making? If you had these tools (paint, canvas, easel) what would you make?
Pg. 29-30	• none
Pg. 31-32	 What makes you think Jamie, the sea and the woman are friends? What do you notice? Are they talking a lot or working quietly next to each other? Why?
Pg. 33-34	 What do you notice about Jamie humming? When does she hum the most? What else swishes in the story?
Pg. 35-36	 Look at Jamie's creation now that it is done. What do you see? What do you think it is? What are some of the things from the story you notice in the creation? (the sunblock, juicebox, shells)
Pg. 37	What did the woman make? Describe it to us.