

1. Draw lines to match each word with its meaning in the text.

Word	Meaning
civil	speed up
hastened	upset
grieved	someone with good manners

2. Tick to show whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

Statement	True	False
The Psammead is thousands of years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Psammead lives in the gravel pit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psammead is a Latin word.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Draw lines to match each part of the creature's body to its description.

Body part	Description
ears	like a monkey's
eyes	like a spider's
body	like a snail's
hands and feet	like a bat's

4. Read these lines from the text. soothe

*'Tell us about it. Do'*

*'It's all in books.'*

*'You aren't!' Jane said. 'Oh, tell us everything you can about yourself! We don't know anything about you, and you are so nice'*

Why does Jane say to the Psammead, you are so nice?

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5. The Psammead is big-headed. Find evidence from the text to support this characteristic, and then add another suitable and different characteristic with evidence.

The psammead is:	Evidence from the text:
big-headed	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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6. Look at these sentences that were in the text.

*'Does she always talk nonsense, or is it only the rubbish on her head that makes her silly?'*

*'So it is everyone,' said the creature sharply.*

*'You came to look at me, several sentences ago,' it said crossly, beginning to curl up again in the sand.*

*'If you talk nicely to me, perhaps I'll answer you, and perhaps I won't'*

What impression does this give you of the Psammead?

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7. Number these events to show the order in which they happen.

The first one has been done for you.

Robert asks the creature to stay and talk.

The creature insults Jane.

The creature tells the children who it is.

Anthea reassures the creature that they mean it no harm.

The creature is offended because the children don't know who it is.

8. What mood does the author create in this scene? Tick **one**.

mysterious

amusing

exciting

frightening

9. What genre does this text belong to? Tick the **best** answer.

realistic fiction

historical fiction

play script

mystery

fantasy