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Max, Cat, Ant and Tiger were at the beach with Tiger's mum and dad. The four friends had set off to explore the rock pools. They were looking for shells and crabs. Max saw a small cave in the rocks.

"Let's shrink and explore this cave!" he said.

ACTIVITY

- Read out the following sentence: *A fish is in the rock pool near the weed.* Ask children to sound-talk the word *near* (i.e. near becomes n-ear).
- Then ask children to blend the sounds together and say the word (i.e. n-ear becomes near).
- Ask children to tell you which letter they would need to change in the word *near* to make the word *hear*.

★ Tip

See the inside back cover for more guidance on sounds.

