

Look at the spread from the book below. What do you notice? Where is this? What makes you think that? How would you describe this place? Is it like anywhere you have seen before in real life or stories? Is there anything you find particularly interesting about this scene? Why? Who is this girl? What is she thinking?





Now read the first page of the spread. This little girl is called Erin. What do you learn about Erin's life from this?





Read the second page. What more does this tell us about Erin? Is this what you expected from looking at the picture? How would you describe Erin's character; not just her appearance but by her behaviour, thoughts and feelings?



Why does she long "*to go out to sea*"? Why is it "*too dangerous*"? Who do you think has told her it is too dangerous? Why? What do they know? What would she see there? What could happen to her?