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A storm has wedged loose coral across the reef nursery. Octo-Pop promises the tiny fish he will clear a safe path before the strong current returns.



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He carries two stones in four arms and steadies the coral with four more. Then Cereal-Swimmer arrives clutching the nursery's guiding pearl.



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A wave knocks the pearl into a narrow crack. Octo cannot reach it while holding the reef, so he asks the smallest fish to form a passing chain.



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The chain returns the pearl one fin at a time, and its glow guides everyone through. Eight strong arms saved the reef; many small fins saved its light.

Questions for Octo-Pop's Coral Reef

Read the story together first. Use one question at each page, then the question at the end. Answers are below the dotted line: fold them under or cover them while reading.

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Talk together: Why must Octo-Pop clear the reef quickly?

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Talk together: How does Octo-Pop use all eight arms?

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Talk together: Why does Octo-Pop need the tiny fish?

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Talk together: What does the rescue show about different kinds of strength?

After reading

How did the fish recover the pearl?

Answers (fold under before reading)

After reading: They formed a passing chain.