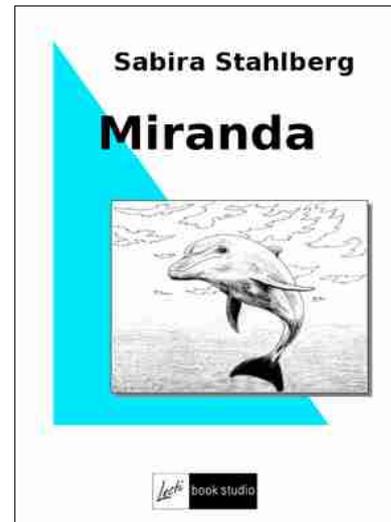


Miranda

Miranda is a story about bullying and being lonely. The book also tells about getting support and gaining self-confidence, starting to believe in oneself and standing up against group pressure.

The book is recommended for all who have been bullied, groups with bullying problems and for bullies. This book also discusses about keeping animals in captivity



Discussion: What kind of thoughts do you receive from the story?
What would you do in Miranda's situation?
Why do some people bully others?
Why do people participate in bullying, when they don't really want to?
Is it right to bully somebody for looks or other reasons? Why?
Imagine you are the one bullying. How does it feel?
Imagine that you are being bullied. How do you feel?

Tasks: Draw your own pictures about the story.
Write your own story about one of the pictures in the book.
Write a letter to a friend about bullying.

Miranda: reading comprehension

Chapter 1: Mira is often alone at home and in school because

1. Mira's parents seldom have time because of work
2. the classmates bully her
3. she likes being alone

Chapter 2: The class visits a dolphinarium

1. to see mammals living in water
2. to do tricks with the dolphins
3. to learn to swim

Chapter 3: What are the dolphins doing?

1. They sing and whistle
2. They dance a waltz for the audience
3. They prefer to eat raw fish

Chapter 4: Mira drops her keys

1. at school where someone takes them
2. in the dolphinarium
3. on the way home

Chapter 5: Mira goes back to the dolphinarium

1. to ask for her keys
2. to swim with the dolphins
3. to feed the dolphins with fish

Chapter 6: Mira is shy in front of the young man. Why?

1. He laughs at her
2. He does not believe her
3. He knows somebody named Miranda

Chapter 7: What do the dolphins want to do together with Mira?

1. Sing and talk
2. They want her to scratch their bellies
3. They are hungry and want fish

Chapter 8: The dolphins laugh all the time, because

1. they are happy
2. they make Mira laugh as well
3. they make Marcus laugh



Chapter 9: What are the dolphins saying?

1. Mira is stupid and ugly
2. Mira can't swim
3. They like Mira

Chapter 10: The dolphin Miranda

1. is careful with people
2. cares for the smaller dolphins, as she is very big
3. likes to talk with people

Chapter 11: Why do some people bully others?

1. They think they are better than others
2. They think it is fun
3. They have nothing better to do
4. They feel stronger and bigger

Chapter 12: Bullying starts with a leader. Others join in, because

1. they are afraid they will be bullied
2. they are scared of the leader
3. they want to be part of the group

Chapter 13: The dolphins are

1. afraid of sharks
2. able to swim a hundred kilometres
3. often caught in fishermen's nets

Chapter 14: The dolphin Miranda

1. dislikes boundaries
2. never says stop
3. stands still to show she does not like something

Chapter 15: Mira forgets her keys, because

1. they are under the chair
2. the dolphin Miranda calls to her
3. the keys fall into the water

Chapter 16: The dolphin Miranda wants to

1. eat the keys instead of fish
2. bring the keys up from the water
3. play with the bunch of keys



Chapter 17: The name Miranda

1. means princess
2. makes Mira braver
3. helps Mira to talk with her parents and teachers

Chapter 18: Who is a good friend?

1. A person who often bullies
2. A person who supports and helps
3. A person who gossips with others
4. A person who sometimes supports you



Miranda: explain words

Chapter 1: really, popular, tease and bully

Chapter 2: enormous, mammal, fin

Chapter 3: squeak, edge, bucket

Chapter 4: look for, panic, manage

Chapter 5: nervous, bad luck, move

Chapter 6: fetch, not allowed, big crisis

Chapter 7: biology, create, ashamed

Chapter 8: an echo, to echo, serious, stupid

Chapter 9: accept, various, slippery

Chapter 10: check, dangerous, drumming the fingers

Chapter 11: anxious, bump into, being mean

Chapter 12: participant, suspicious, stubborn

Chapter 13: cage, long distance, prisoner

Chapter 14: dislike, boundary and limit, accept

Chapter 15: swallow, clever, understand

Chapter 16: bunch, attention, translate

Chapter 17: enough, trust, question

Chapter 18: disgust, look down on somebody, shock

