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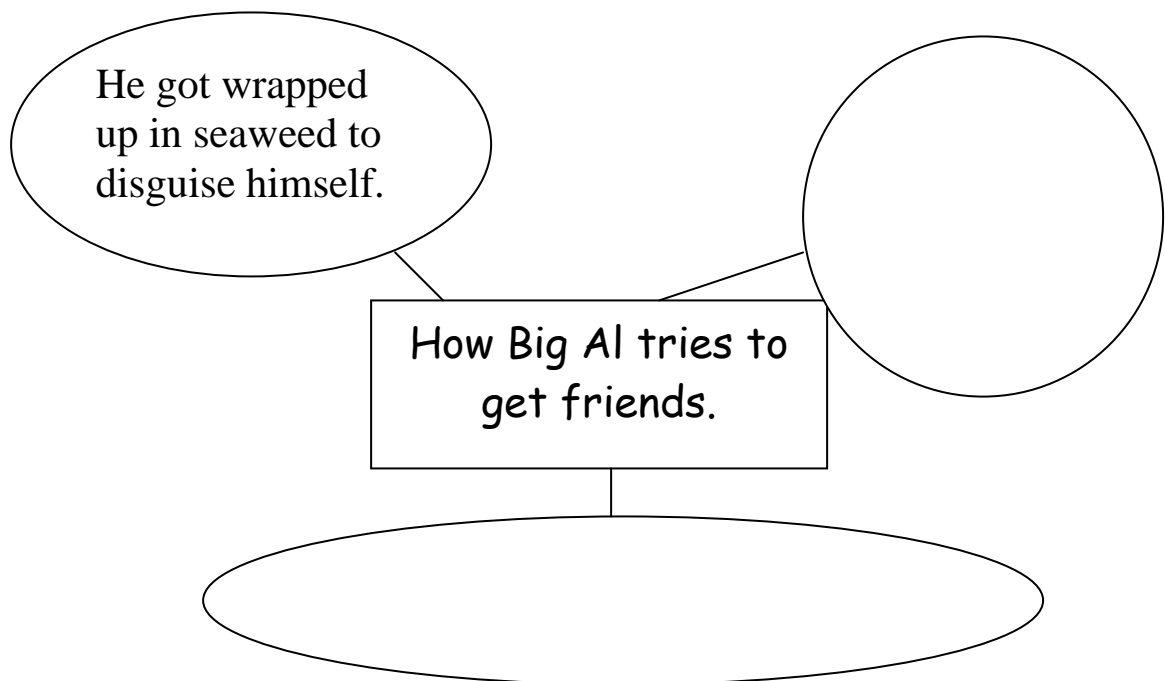
Directions: You are going to listen to a story called Big Al by Andrew Clements. Then you will answer some questions about the story. You will listen to the story twice. The first time you hear the story, listen carefully, but do not take notes. As you listen to the story the second time, you may want to take notes. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow.

Notes

1. What is the main idea of the story?
 - A. Big Al saved the little fish
 - B. Big Al changed his color
 - C. Big Al wanted to make friends
 - D. Big Al was scary looking

2. Which word would best describes Big Al at the **beginning** of the story?
 - A. happy
 - B. lonely
 - C. angry
 - D. mean

3. Complete the graphic organizer to tell some of the things Big Al does to try to get friends.



4. What was Big Al's problem?

5. How was Big Al's problem solved?

6. Why was Big Al able to return to the ocean?

- A. He was too heavy and couldn't be lifted out of the water.
- B. He bit the fishermen and got free.
- C. The fishermen didn't like the way Big Al smelled, so they threw him back into the water.
- D. The fishermen didn't like the way Big Al looked, so they threw him back into the water.

7. What was the author's purpose for writing this story?

- A. To persuade you to like fish.
- B. To inform you about fish.
- C. To teach a lesson about friendship - that looks don't matter.
- D. To entertain or make you laugh.

8. Would you want Big Al as a friend? Tell why or why not.
