Lesson 2: Marinara Bay

UNIT: Pizza Quest

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Margaret.

One time, I went scuba diving. It was kind of scary because I couldn't see what was ahead of me. Then, I turned on my flashlight and saw so many different creatures in the dark. It was pretty magical. I saw coral everywhere, and I saw a school of fish swim right by me.

This made me think of the next world in Pizza Quest—the video game that Nya and her team are designing.

Pepper, the pizza delivery kid, needs a new way to travel in this next world. It's called Marinara Bay. It's an ocean world, and it's based on real places around the world. Some places have sandy beaches, surfers and tall waves, hidden sea caves, or lots of interesting sea creatures.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: What parts of these real places would you like to see in the video game world of Marinara Bay?

HOOK 2

You probably had some awesome ideas for what Marinara Bay could look like.

In the last lesson, you used your opinion to decide on how Pepper should travel through the world of Mount Mozzarella and added a reason why. This time, you're helping the team as they focus on the aquatic world of Marinara Bay.

Nya and her team researched how people actually get around in places that look like Marinara Bay.

Some people use a kayak—a kayak is a small boat that you sit in and paddle on the water. That means you can see everything above and near the surface of the ocean. You could paddle your way into a cave and explore what's inside. Or maybe you'll see pelicans diving for food—pelicans are birds with giant beaks that fit lots of fish. You might even see some friendly dolphins doing tricks in the air or swimming next to your kayak.

Another way to travel through Marinara Bay could be under the water by using a submarine—a submarine is a special kind of boat that can dive deep down into the ocean. Being underwater means you can see all kinds of creatures up close, like a shark. Woah! Or you may see lots of colorful coral and the fish that live inside of them. You might even find a sunken ship with treasure inside. There are so many exciting things you can see underwater from a submarine.

If the game designers have Pepper use a kayak, this is what the player might see. And if they have Pepper use a submarine, this is what the player might see. These would be two very different experiences. What the player will see could be a great reason for picking a kayak or submarine.

DISCUSSION 2

Discuss: Which of these options would you pick, and why? Think about what the player will see in the game.

HOOK 3

Maybe you said, "Pepper should travel by kayak because the player will get to see dolphins jumping out of the water." Or maybe you said, "Pepper should travel by submarine because the player will get to see jellyfish." You may have said something else, and that's great!

In today's lesson, you'll decide on how Pepper should travel through Marinara Bay—the second world of Pizza Quest. Then, you will add your opinion and reason to a map of the Pizza Quest worlds.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

STEP 3

Find the places on your worksheets to write your name—at the top of your Ocean World worksheet, and at the bottom of your Marinara Bay worksheet. Write your name on both of your worksheets.

STEP 4

The Pizza Quest team needs your help deciding on ways to travel around the world of Marinara Bay. Here's a reminder of the two options for Marinara Bay:

- If Pepper uses a kayak, the player will see things above the water, like dolphins, or pelicans, or caves.

- If Pepper uses a submarine, the player will see things under the water, like jellyfish, or sunken ships, or coral.

Now it's time to form an opinion.

Get your Ocean World worksheet. Look at the section that says, "opinion."

This is where you will make your choice: kayak or submarine. Put a check next to the option you choose.

STEP 5

Now, think about your reason for your opinion. Think about what would be fun to see—maybe jellyfish, or dolphins, or caves.

Check off one of these boxes or fill in this last box with your own idea.

When you're done, give a silent thumbs up.

STEP 6

Look at the sentence below the boxes. Notice how there's a place to fill in your opinion and your reason all in one sentence.

Point to this word. It says, "because." The word because helps us connect our opinion and our reason into one sentence.

Use the boxes you checked off to help you fill in your opinion and your reason, like this: "I think Pepper should travel through Marinara Bay by kayak because it would be awesome to see dolphins."

STEP 7

Great job writing an opinion and reason!

Now get your Marinara Bay worksheet. Find the pizza icon on the empty line. Copy the sentence that says your opinion and reason here. You can add more sentences if you would like.

When you're done, give a silent thumbs up.

STEP 8

It's time to check your writing. Make sure each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with punctuation.

Read through your writing and make changes if you need to.

STEP 9

Take turns sharing your writing with your partner. You can make changes if you want.

STEP 10

Get your Ocean World worksheet. You'll be cutting out the opinion and the reason that you chose. To start, turn your worksheet around, like this. Then, cut along these two dashed lines.

STEP 11

Make two neat piles on your desk: a "keep" pile and a "scrap" pile.

Turn the strip in your keep pile around, like this. Cut out only the two boxes you checked. Add any scraps to your scrap pile and keep your choices in your keep pile, like this.

When you're done, you should have one opinion and one reason in your keep pile.

STEP 12

Now look at your Marinara Bay worksheet.

Take your glue stick and put glue on the section that says, "Glue opinion here." Then put what you chose—kayak or submarine—in this box and press down.

STEP 13

Take your glue stick again and put glue on the section that says, "Glue reason here." Then, put the reason you chose in this box and press down.

When you're done gluing, you can color this part of your map. Your teacher will let you know how much time you will have to color.

WRAP UP

Wow! Great job! So far, you've used your opinion to decide how Pepper should travel through Mount Mozzarella and, now, Marinara Bay.

In the next lesson, you'll explore the last world of Pizza Quest—Deep Dish Glacier—and what kinds of transportation can be used in icy conditions. Then, you'll use your opinion to make a choice, write your reason, and add it to your map.

The paper shown on the screen is a V.I.P.—very important paper. Your teacher will tell you where to put it so you'll have it for the next lesson. See you next time!