



Alice lived by the sea. She played every day in the sand dunes and on the beach near her house. Even though she was the youngest in her family, she wasn't scared of many things. Snakes and spiders didn't bother her. She wasn't scared of the dark. She didn't worry much about thunder and lightning.





But, she was afraid of the deep.

Every morning Alice's family went down to the jetty for a swim. Her mum dived in and scooted along like a torpedo.

Her dad made huge bellyflops that wet everyone, even the seagulls in the air.