

# RAINBOW magic

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“Race you to that tidepool, Kirsty!” Rachel Walker yelled to her best friend, Kirsty Tate.

“You’re on!” Kirsty replied.

Laughing, the two girls ran across the beach. Rachel reached the pool first, but Kirsty was right behind her.

“Your gram is lucky to live in Leamouth!” Rachel panted, gazing around the sandy bay. “It’s so pretty.”

Kirsty nodded. Leamouth was a little fishing village with winding streets and a harbor filled with boats. Kirsty’s gran lived in a cottage on the cliff, near the beach.

“I always have fun here,” said Kirsty. “I’m glad you could come this time, too.”

“Thanks for inviting me!” Rachel replied.

The two girls wandered down to the sea. The waves lapped at their flip-flops. As the water slid back, it left a large seashell on the sand right in front of them.

Rachel picked it up. “It’s beautiful,” she said.

As Kirsty looked, a burst of aquamarine sparkles suddenly fizzed out of the shell, making both girls jump.

Kirsty gasped. “Fairy magic!”

The girls glanced at each other, eyes wide with excitement. Their friendship with the fairies was a very special secret.

Soft music and the faint tinkle of bells floated out of the shell. Quickly, Rachel held it up so she and Kirsty could listen.

“Hello, girls” said a small voice.

Rachel grinned at Kirsty. “It’s the fairy queen!” she exclaimed.

“We’d like to invite you to a special beach party – a luau – to celebrate summer,” the queen said. “If you’d like to come, just place the shell on the sand right now. We hope you can join us...” The queen’s voice faded away.

With a quick glance around to make sure nobody was watching, Rachel placed the seashell on the sand. Immediately, a dazzling rainbow sprang from the shell. Its colors were bright in the sunshine.

“Let’s go, Kirsty!” Rachel whispered.

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Kirsty nodded, and the girls stepped onto the rainbow. As soon as they did, they were whisked away in a whirl of fairy magic. When the sparkles vanished, the girls had been magically transferred into fairies. They were in Fairyland, standing on a beautiful sandy beach next to a glittering turquoise sea. The beach was crowded with fairies enjoying the luau.

As the girls stepped away from the rainbow, their fairy friends rushed to greet them, including King Oberon and Queen Titania.

"We're so glad you could come, girls," the king said kindly.

"A party wouldn't be the same without you," the queen added.

"Thank you for inviting us," Rachel and Kirsty chorused. "Come and dance!" called Jade the Disco Fairy.

Laughing, Rachel and Kirsty joined jade. Meanwhile, they could see another fairy conducting the musicians, and other fairies cooking food on a barbecue.

"The tide's coming in," Rachel remarked to Jade as the waves crept further up the beach. "Will the party be over soon?"

Jade shook her head. "No, we'll be fine as long as we stay above Party Rock," she replied, pointing to a large boulder nearby. "But Shannon the Ocean Fairy can explain it better than I can."

A nearby fairy turned and smiled at the girls. She wore a peach-colored skirt, a top made of aqua ribbons, and a glittering starfish clip in her hair.

"Hi, girls," Shannon greeted them. "Jade's right. The sea never comes past Party Rock, so we can enjoy the party all day long!"

"Great!" Rachel said happily.

A little while later, the girls were still having fun dancing with their fairy friends when the music suddenly stopped. Everyone turned to see what had happened.

"Listen, please," called Shannon the Ocean Fairy. "I'm afraid that the sea is coming in too far!"

She pointed her wand at Party Rock and everyone gasped in surprise. The water was splashing around the base of the rock, and the level was still rising!

"The water never comes in this far," Shannon declared anxiously. "Something's wrong!"

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