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Descriptive Vocabulary from *To Catch a Mermaid*

Instructions: Match the highlighted words to their correct definitions.

Its breathing came slow and **raspy**, like waves rolling onto shore. _____

The song **caressed** every breathing soul. _____

The kitchen was always **balmy**, thanks to the busy potbelly stove. _____

Mr. Mump put his hands on his **gargantuan** middle. _____

“Hello, little merbaby,” Boom **cooed**. _____

The work was **monotonous**. _____

Despite the questionable ingredients, Boom ate because he felt **famished**. _____

The sad song **enveloped** the angry neighbors. _____

He closed the closet door, trapping the scent of mud so that it **permeated** the coats. _____

Sometimes a secret **curdles** in the stomach like bad fish stew. _____

The flame danced madly as wind **furled** down the chimney. _____

The merbaby **frolicked** in the ocean water. _____

1. To soak through
2. A soft sound
3. A soothing, nice temperature
4. A rough or grating sound
5. Very big
6. To touch or stroke gently
7. When milk thickens and forms curds
8. Very hungry
9. The same thing, over and over
10. Twisted, curled
11. Surrounded
12. To dance/play happily