

SYLVIA SCAMPI



House-proud Sylvia loves nothing better than whisking a feather duster around her burrow and straightening the oyster-shell ornaments on her mantelpiece. As she does the house work in what she likes to call 'my little castle', she thinks slightly smugly about how special it is to have a home she can call her own. After all, none of the other fish have a postcode.



Her friend Hugo Huss lives nearby, but even though she's very fond of him he isn't quite in her class. In fact, as she has been known to whisper, Hugo is 'of no fixed abode'. Not that any of the other fish really understand what it means to be refined like Sylvia. And they will insist on calling her 'Scampi', even though she would prefer 'Lady Langoustine'.



Although she finds most of her fish friends exasperating, she couldn't do without her daily catch-ups with Penny Plaice and Coco Crab. They gather regularly at the same spot to have a good gossip about what everyone else is up to. Last week she discovered that Peter the John Dory had been seen with what Coco called 'almost a smile' on his face. 'Face like a slapped salmon!' Penny had added. They had discussed how they might cheer dear old Peter up, but no one had any suggestions that they hadn't tried before. After a good tittle tattle, Sylvia likes to go for a gentle stroll around the neighbourhood, making sure that everyone has noticed just how beautifully pink she is, and how smart her antennae are. Then it's home to 'chez Sylvia' for a nice cup of tea.

HABITAT: IN A BURROW
ON THE SEABED

ORIGIN: SCOTLAND

LIKES: GOSSIPING, SHOWING OFF
AND BEING POSH

SWIM SPEED: 5MPH



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