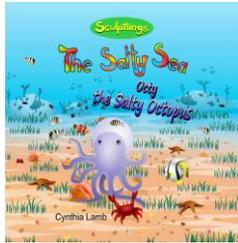


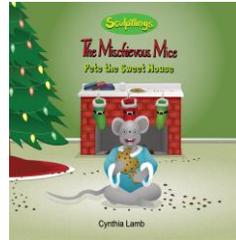
Comparing Sculptling Books

Octy the Salty Octopus

Pete the Sweet Mouse



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Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Octy the Salty Octopus with other Sculptling Books, such as Pete the Sweet Mouse and compare the 2 messages.

Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same?

Example Comparison: Octy is an octopus who loves collecting shells. Pete is a mouse who loves eating cookies. Octy took a shell that wasn't his. Pete took cookies without asking. They both learned that stealing is wrong and can get you in trouble and that greed is not a good way to behave.

Ideas for how to review these books with your Preschool kids.

- Discuss the Characters facial expressions. Are they happy, sad or upset in the illustrations.
- Discuss the characters similarities. (*Example: It's not okay to take things that don't belong to you.*)
- Discuss the characters differences. (*Example: Octy made one big mistake and learned quickly. Where Pete kept making the same mistake until he faced consequences*)

Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Up to 2nd Grade)

Help older kids think more critically and connect the story to real-life situations:

- Encourage children to examine themes and character growth across books.
- Discuss: What does each character have a problem with? (*Octy wants to collect lots of pretty shells. Pete wants to eat as many cookies as he can.*)
- Discuss: What Did They Do Wrong? And Why was that a problem? (*Octy took a shell that didn't belong to him. Pete kept stealing cookies and didn't ask. It's not okay to take things that belong to someone else. It makes others upset.*)
- Discuss: What Did They Learn? (*That being greedy or sneaky is not good, but if you make a mistake like that you can always make things right. And try not to do it again*)
- Discuss the Lesson: How both Octy and Pete made mistakes, but they learned to make better choices. We all make mistakes. What matters most is how we fix them!



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Discussion Topics & Questions for Preschoolers

About the Main Characters

Octy is an octopus who loves collecting shells. Pete is a mouse who loves eating cookies.

Ask: “What do Octy and Pete both really like?”

Answer: Octy likes shells, Pete likes cookies.

Discussions About The Problem

Octy takes something that doesn't belong to him (Mr. Crab's shell) and gets stuck. Pete keeps stealing cookies and makes a big mess.

Ask: “What was the problem in each story?”

Answer: Octy took a shell that wasn't his. Pete took cookies without asking.

Discussions About The Lesson

Octy learns that being greedy and taking too much is not okay. Pete learns that stealing is wrong after Santa puts him on the Naughty List.

Ask: “What did Octy and Pete learn?”

Answer: It's not nice to take what isn't yours. You have to think about others.

Discussions About How They Made It Better

Octy said sorry, gave the shell back, and learned to share. Pete worked hard to be good, helped around the house, and stopped stealing.

Ask: “Did they fix their mistakes?”

Answer: Yes! Octy gave back the shell. Pete stopped stealing and helped others.

Discussions About Feelings

Octy felt happy, then angry, then sorry, then proud. Pete felt sneaky, then caught, then sad, then good when he did the right thing.

Ask: “How do you think Octy and Pete felt when they got in trouble?”

Answer: They felt bad or sorry.

Ask: “How did they feel after fixing their mistakes?”

Answer: They felt happy and proud!



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Discussion Topics & Questions for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade (Ask one at a time and let kids answer with support.)

1. Who Are They?

Octy the Octopus loves collecting shells. Pete the Sweet Mouse loves cookies.

Question: What does each character really want?

Answer: Octy wants: to collect lots of pretty shells. Pete wants: to eat as many cookies as he can

2. What Did They Do Wrong?

Octy took a shell that didn't belong to him. Pete kept stealing cookies and didn't ask.

Question: Why was that a problem?

Answer: Because: It's not okay to take things that belong to someone else. It makes others upset.

3. How Did They Feel?

Question: When they got in trouble how do you think they felt?

Answer: Octy felt: angry at first, then sorry and sad. Pete felt: sneaky at first, then ashamed and a little scared

4. How Did They Fix It?

Octy said sorry and gave the shell back. Pete worked hard to be good and help others.

Question: What would you do if you made a mistake?

Answer: I would: say sorry, tell the truth, and try to fix it.

5. What Did They Learn?

It's not okay to take things that don't belong to you. Saying sorry and being honest is the right thing to do.

Question: What can YOU learn from Octy and Pete?

Answer: I learned: that being greedy or sneaky hurts others, but you can always make things right.



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Overview Discussion For all ages

Simple Reflection Questions

- What can you do if you take something by mistake?
- How can we show we're sorry if we make a mistake?

Octy the Octopus learns:

- Greed is not a good way to behave.
- Taking too much or something that isn't his can hurt others and himself.
- It's better to share, say sorry, and be a good friend.
- Not everything he sees has to be his.

Pete the Sweet Mouse learns:

- Stealing is wrong and can get you in trouble.
- Taking cookies without asking makes others upset and leaves a mess.
- If you make a mistake, you can still make it right by being helpful and kind.
- It's better to earn trust and be on the Nice List than to take what you want.

What do they both learn?

- It's not okay to take things that don't belong to you.
- When you make a mistake, you can say sorry and make it right.
- Being kind, honest, and helpful is better than being greedy or sneaky.
- Doing the right thing feels good and helps you make and keep friends.

Overview Discussion Questions:

- **What did Octy do wrong?** He took a big shell that wasn't his and tried to keep it.
- **What did Pete do wrong?** He kept stealing cookies and didn't ask.
- **Did Octy do it more than once?** No, he learned after one big mistake.
- **Did Pete keep doing it?** Yes until Santa caught him!
- **Who helped Octy learn?** Mr. Crab. **Who helped Pete learn?** Santa Claus.



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Oct the Octopus and Pete the Sweet Mouse Similarities:

1. **What They Liked:** *They liked different things!*

Octy liked to collect **shells**. **Pete** liked to eat **cookies**.

2. **What They Did Wrong:** *Octy made one big mistake. Pete made the same mistake many times.*

Octy took **one big shell** that didn't belong to him. **Pete** kept **stealing cookies** again and again.

3. **Who Got Upset With Them:** *Different grown-ups taught them a lesson.*

Mr. Crab got upset with **Octy**. **Santa Claus** got upset with **Pete**.

4. **What Happened to Them:** *Their actions caused different kinds of trouble.*

Octy got **stuck in his cave** because of the big shell. **Pete** got put on the **Naughty List** for stealing cookies.

5. **How They Fixed It:** *They made better choices in different ways.*

Octy said **sorry** and gave the shell back. **Pete** tried to be **helpful** and stopped stealing.

6. **What They Learned:** *They learned different lessons.*

Octy learned not to be **greedy**. **Pete** learned not to **steal**.

7. **What Kind of Mistake They Made:** *Octy was greedy. Pete was sneaky.*

Octy took **too much** because he wanted more and more. **Pete** took things **sneakily** without asking.

 8. **Why They Changed:** *Different things helped them do better*

Octy changed because he felt **bad and got stuck**. **Pete** changed because **Santa** warned him and he wanted to be on the **Nice List**..



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Oct the Octopus and Pete the Sweet Mouse Differences:

1. What They Like: *They both liked things, but not the same things.*

Octy likes shells. **Pete** likes cookies

2. What They Did Wrong: *They Made Different Mistakes*

Octy took one big shell that wasn't his. **Pete** kept stealing cookies again and again

3. Who Got Upset: *They upset different people by not making good choices.*

Mr. Crab was upset with **Octy**. Santa Claus was upset with **Pete**

4. What Happened to Them: *They got in different kinds of trouble and had consequences, but not the same ones.*

Octy got the shell stuck and couldn't get into his cave. **Pete** got caught stealing and was put on the Naughty List

5. How Many Times They Messed Up:

Octy made one mistake. **Pete** made many mistakes

6. How They Fixed It: *They Learned Different Lessons. They both tried to do better, but in their own way.*

Octy said sorry and gave the shell back. **Pete** helped others and stopped stealing

7. What They Learned: *They Learned Different Lessons (But it is good to point out that they both learned how to make better choices.)*

Octy learned not to be greedy. **Pete** learned not to steal

8. Why They Changed: *They wanted to do better for different reasons.*

Octy changed because he felt bad and got stuck. **Pete** changed because Santa warned him



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Create a Comparison Chart and compare the answers.

Ask is the Same or Different?

What We're Comparing	Octy the Octopus	Pete the Sweet Mouse	Same or Different?
What they love	Collecting shells	Eating cookies	Different
What they did wrong	Took a shell that didn't belong to him	Stole cookies without asking	Same (both took things)
What happened to them	Got stuck in his cave	Put on the Naughty List	Different
How they fixed it	Said sorry and gave the shell back	Stopped stealing and helped others	Different
What they learned	Not to be greedy	Not to steal	Same (learned lessons)
Did they say sorry?	Yes Octy apologized to Mr. Crab	Yes Pete felt bad and changed behavior	Same
Ending	Learned to share and made friends	Learned to be kind and got back on Nice List	Same (happy ending)
Did they change?	Yes, Octy learned and changed	Yes, Pete worked hard to be better	Same
How many times they messed up	Made one big mistake	Made lots of small mistakes	Different



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Comparison Questions: Circle the best answer:

1. What does Octy the Octopus love to collect?

- A) Cookies
- B) Shells
- C) Trash

2. What does Pete the Mouse love to eat?

- A) Shells
- B) Pizza
- C) Cookies

3. Who got upset with Octy?

- A) A Fish
- B) Mr. Crab
- C) Santa Claus

4. Who got upset with Pete?

- A) Mr. Crab
- B) Santa Claus
- C) Octy

5. What did Octy do wrong?

- A) He didn't clean his cave
- B) He didn't give the shell back
- C) He took a shell that wasn't his



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Comparison Questions: Circle the best answer:

6. What did Pete do wrong?

- A) He ran away
- B) He stole cookies
- C) He made cookies

7. What happened to Octy after he took too many shells?

- A) He got a tummy ache
- B) He got it stuck in the cave
- C) He got more shells

8. What happened to Pete after stealing cookies?

- A) He got extra cookies
- B) He got put on the Naughty List
- C) He got a reward

9. What did Octy mean when he says everything in the ocean gets recycled?

- A) It's garbage
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10. What did they both learn in the end?

- A) It's fun to take things
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- B) They told a lie
- C) They took something that didn't belong to them

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- A) Sticks
- B) Shells
- C) Rocks

3. What does Pete love to eat the most?

- A) Candy
- B) Cake
- C) Cookies

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6. What does Octy mean when he says, “Everything in the ocean gets recycled by design”?

- A) In the ocean, everything gets put in the trash
- B) In the ocean, nothing is wasted and designed to be reused.
- C) In the ocean, everything is designed to be thrown away

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