

Bruce took his bag and crab stick and headed to the opposite side of the island. 'I've got one!' yelled Bruce as he threw the crab into his bag. 'That's great,' I called back. With Michael still on board, I kept prodding and poking the holes, hoping to find my first crab for the day. Then I suddenly realised the tide must have turned and was now coming in as quickly as it had gone out; the island was going under. Loud 35
rhythmical popping sounds began to fill the air. Frightened, I looked about, but reassured myself that the popping sounds were the result of air being expelled from the mud holes as the sea water covered them.

Ankle deep in water, i screamed to Bruce, 'Hurry, the tide has turned! We have to get out of here now.'
Adapted from 'The Secret of Crab Island' by Sheryl Mc Corry 40

21 What does 'it' in line 2 refer to?

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22 Quote the three-word phrase in paragraph one which suggests that the siblings enjoyed catching crabs.

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23 What was the children's main purpose for going crabbing that day? Why?

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24 Refer to paragraph three. Describe the scene when the children arrived at the creek.

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