

## Why is the Sea Salty?

A long time ago, the sea was not salty. It had fresh water, and animals and people could drink from it.

One day, a rich and greedy man found a magic mill. This mill could make anything he wanted.

He asked for gold — it made gold.  
He asked for bread — it made bread.

One day, he was on a ship and wanted salt.  
He told the mill: "Make me salt!"

The mill started making salt, but the man didn't know how to stop it.

Soon, the whole ship filled with salt. The ship sank to the bottom of the sea.

The magic mill is still there, making salt.

That is why the sea is salty.