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## Sorting Sea Stanzas

**Directions:** Read the entire poem carefully. Look at each stanza and think about its **main idea**. Match each stanza to the correct main idea from the list provided. Write the letter of the main idea next to the

stanza number. After matching, explain in one sentence how each stanza connects to the poem's overall meaning.

### Voices of the Sea

#### Stanza 1

The waves crash loud against the shore,  
A song of power, strong and free.  
They carry whispers from before,  
Old secrets drifting endlessly.

#### Stanza 2

The gulls take flight with morning calls,  
Their wings stretch wide against the sky.  
They dance above the ocean walls,  
Where wind and foam together sigh.

#### Stanza 3

At dusk the tide begins to fade,  
Its rhythm slows, the day grows still.  
The sea turns soft, its edges laid,  
Beneath the moon's commanding will.

#### Poem Stanzas:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Stanza 1

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Stanza 2

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Stanza 1

#### Main Ideas to Match:

A. The ocean at night becomes calm and reflective.

B. Birds soar and interact with the sea's energy.

C. The sea is powerful and holds ancient mysteries.

Write one sentence explaining how all three stanzas together shape the poem's message about the sea.