



Collecting Clams

Inung loves to collect tudai clams. She also likes to float in the swamp. But this time she finds more than just clams. What else does she find?



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The Sembakung river is at low tide. Now, Inung can collect tudai clams.



Walking in the muddy water is difficult . That is why tudai collectors use a tudai board. But Inung's board will not move.



Inung examines her tudai board. The two surfaces are not the same.



Inung's board is the wrong side up. The flat surface should be on the bottom.



Now, the board moves smoothly. Inung floats with her hands free.



Oh no! Inung's board tilts. Inung falls off her board.



Inung examines the cause. It seems there's a mound of mud.



Inung floats again. Up ahead is a round object. Is that a tudai clam?



Oh! It's just a bottle cap. Bottle caps are not supposed to be in the swamp.



Inung makes a turn with her board. She notices an object. Is it a tudai clam?



No, it is a perengat fruit. Perengat trees usually grow along the banks.



Inung continues her search. There's a round object further down. Is it a tudai clam?



Yay! It is a tudai shell! Inung is delighted.



Here is one! There's another! So many clams all around.



Inung collects many clams. But brother Man has more shells on his board. They are bigger too.



Oh ... Inung understands. The smaller shells are not to be picked. Inung puts the baby shells back in the swamp.



Wow, everyone has collected a lot of clams! But, sadly there is also so much trash. Inung and brother Man will throw the trash into the waste bin.



Inung feels joyous as she heads home. She imagines delicious pan-fried tudai clams.



Wonderful Words Sembakung River – a river located in North Kalimantan province tudai clams - Also known as blood clams due to their red color which is caused by high levels of haemoglobin. An adult clam can grow to 5-6 centimeters, or about 2 inches long. They can be found in wetlands in North Kalimantan province in Indonesia. perengat – a plant, also called perepat, that grows in swamps



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