The Girl with Gills and Lungs

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Once upon a time there was a girl named Gale. She had both gills and lungs! She loved to play shell collecting games with her sea animal friends!
She just had one problem. People made fun of her because of her gills. She hated school because there was one group of girls that constantly made fun of her. Every time at lunch those girls stopped by her lunch table and made fun of her. She was sick of it. She needed to get them to stop!
So after school she ran home. Her friends, Laura and Anne, tried to stop her but she said, "Not now, busy!" Then she kept running. When she reached her house, she dropped her stuff off and ran and jumped into the ocean. This wasn't a far run because she lived on a hill above the ocean.
She swam until she found all of her friends, then said, "There is one group of girls that make fun of me because I have both gills and lungs! What should I do?" The animals looked at each other then said, "Just stand up for yourself!"
She said, "You are right!" She thanked them then swam up onto land. That next morning she went to school. She said to them, "I like my difference, and whether you guys stop making fun of me or not, I will keep doing what I like!" Then she went to class, and those girls never made fun of her again.
After school, she went back to her friends and said, "Thank you so much!" I stood up for myself and those girls stopped. So from now on I swim all I want! Then after that they played her favorite shell collecting games!