

A Day at the Beach

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Amy and Ben sit on the beach for the day. Amy loves to look at the waves in the sea. Ben loves to dig in the sand.

Amy has a blue bucket and spade. Ben has a red bucket and spade. Ben wants to find buried treasure.

They dig, and they dig, and they dig, until the buckets are filled up with sand.

Amy finds two cockles and some seaweed. Ben finds a piece of blue glass. It is cold, shiny, smooth and round. Over many years, the waves have made the glass smooth.

Amy is so hot and tired from digging. She thinks that it is time for a swim. Ben and Amy dive into the water at the same time. They love to go to the beach!



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Comprehension Questions

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1. What does Amy love most about going to the beach?

2. Where does Ben want to find buried treasure?

3. Why is the piece of blue glass smooth?

4. How many cockles does Amy find?

5. Why does Amy want to go for a swim after she has been digging?

Extension: Why do you have to be careful when diving into water?

Chasing Swans

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Today I went to the park to see the swans. When I walked up to the lake the swans swam over to see me. Swans are very large white birds, with long thin necks. They have orange bills (or beaks), with some black around the nostrils.

The swans had some babies with them. Baby swans are called cygnets. The cygnets had fluffy grey feathers and pale bills. I watched the swans feed. They stick their heads and necks under the water.

Not far from where I stood, a tiny black dog ran into the water. The dog was

chasing the swans. The swans took off from the water by running very fast and flapping their wings. There was a big splash and the dog got a fright. The swans were now chasing the dog!



Chasing Swans Comprehension Questions

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1. Where in the park were the swans?

2. What is a swan bill?

3. What do cygnets look like?

4. How do swans feed?

5. Why did the dog get a fright?

Extension: Why do you think the swans chased the dog?

A Birthday Tea Party

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My best friend is Amy. For her seventh birthday we had a tea party. When I arrived at the party, we had to play a dressing up game before the tea party started. The girls dressed up in old dresses, hats and scarves. We put on old bead necklaces and silk ribbons. The boys dressed up in old suits and top hats.

We went outside to the garden. We sat down at wooden tables with white tablecloths and napkins. We drank from blue tea pots and cups and saucers. We ate yellow and pink cupcakes and cucumber sandwiches.

After the tea party we changed out of our dressing up clothes. We played hide and seek around the garden. At the end of the party the real birthday cake arrived. We all sang 'Happy Birthday' to Amy.



A Birthday Tea Party

Comprehension Questions

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1. What was the theme of Amy's birthday party?

2. What did the boys dress up in?

3. When did they change out of their dressing up clothes?

4. Where did the children play hide and seek?

5. What happened when the birthday cake arrived?

Extension: What was the best party you ever went to? Why?