

The Beach

Jessica rubbed sunscreen on her arms. The hot summer sun beat down on her skin. The sand felt warm under her toes. Jessica loved the summer. It felt great to be outside.

She leaned back in her beach chair. The blue ocean stretched out in front of her. It seemed to go on and on forever. The waves made a soothing sound as they lapped against the shore.

Jessica opened her cooler bag. She took out a peanut butter sandwich and a bottle of water. As soon as she unwrapped the sandwich, a seagull flew in. It stared at her sandwich. Jessica laughed.

"Sorry, it's all mine," she said.

A cool breeze floated off of the ocean. Jessica closed her eyes. She felt so peaceful, like she could fall asleep any minute. Then she felt a tap on her shoulder.

"Hey, Jess." It was her cousin Brandon. "Let's go to the arcade."

"Okay," Jessica said.

She pulled on shorts and a t-shirt over her bathing suit. She followed Brandon across the sand. The arcade sat on the boardwalk above the beach.

A blast of ice-cold air conditioning hit her face as they walked inside. It was very dark in the arcade. The only light came from the flashing video screens. The loud noise from the machines made Jessica's ears hurt.

"Sorry, Brandon," Jessica said. "I'm going back to the beach."

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. What are two words in the story that describe how Jessica feels at the beach?

2. Where does Jessica go with Brandon?

3. What makes Jessica’s ears hurt?

4. Does Jessica like the beach or the arcade more? Why?

Directions: Please read the sentence below and then write the word or phrase that best answers the questions. The first answer has been provided for you.

After Jessica takes out a sandwich, a seagull flies in because it wants a bite.

What is the main subject of the sentence? a seagull

5. What does the seagull do?

6. When?

7. Why?

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Brandon taps Jessica on the shoulder _____ he wants her to come with him to the arcade.

- A but
- B because
- C so

Directions: Read the vocabulary word and definition below. Then answer questions 9 and 10.

Vocabulary Word: **soothing** (sooth · ing): relaxing.

9. Read the sentences below and underline all forms of the word **soothing**.
- a. The mother sang in a soothing voice, and her baby fell asleep.
 - b. Light blue is a more soothing color than hot pink.
 - c. Taking deep breaths can be soothing after a scary dream.
 - d. The music from the flute was soothing.
 - e. The music from the electric guitar was not soothing.

10. Which picture shows a soothing place?

