

## 15 Beach Sense

#1 31 Take a walk on the beach. The beach is one of the best places to become 16  
57 aware of all of your senses. Just by walking you are using the sense of 43  
75 touch. Notice the changing texture of the sand as you leave footprints  
behind. Close to the shore, the water reaches out and laps your toes with  
its coolness. The sun kisses your skin with glowing warmth. The light sea  
breeze plays with your hair. 70

#2 104 Breathe in the smell of the ocean. The smell of salty air mixed with 89  
128 seaweed is a unique blend. If you are lucky enough to be near a fishing ●  
boat you may pick up scent of the day's seafood catch. Smoke drifts toward 118  
you as families prepare a meal on a charcoal grill.

#3 151 There are numerous sounds heard at the beach. Waves crash like 139  
cymbals as they rush toward the shore. Seagulls squawk loudly, flying in 165  
low circles over the water. Voices and laughter rise and fall with the tides.  
Sometimes you can hear a boat motor growl in the distance.

#4 Your eyes are kept busy taking in many sights at the beach. There are ●  
a number of shells to look at and examine. It is fun to watch people  
involved in their own activities. Some are swimming. Others are building  
sandcastles. A group may be playing volleyball or Frisbee, or flying kites.  
And then there are the bronzed bodies stretched out beneath the sun. At  
the end of the day it is soothing to watch the waves roll in and out. When  
night falls, the moon reflected on the sea is a special sight.

#5 You may think the sense of taste isn't accounted for at the beach. But ●  
have you ever been caught by the force of a wild wave? When that happens,  
it is hard to avoid a swallow of salt water. This is definitely not a pleasant  
taste. But a day at the beach isn't complete unless you have at least one  
gulp. Younger children will be happy to tell you about the flavor of sand.  
And any food seems to taste better when eaten at the seashore.

#6 Of all five senses, your sense of hearing is the one most used while at  
the beach. Sit quietly at the shore. Listen to the ocean make its special  
music as the waves crest and break. The sound of the ever-flowing tides  
is reason enough to visit the beach again.

### Recalling Facts

1. The beach is a good place to become aware of your
  - a. friends.
  - b. senses.
  - c. feet.
2. A common type of boat seen near the ocean is a
  - a. fishing boat.
  - b. riverboat.
  - c. canoe.
3. A bird that can be seen at the beach is a
  - a. cardinal.
  - b. seagull.
  - c. hummingbird.
4. The beach is a good place to look for
  - a. shells.
  - b. gold.
  - c. charcoal.
5. The sense that is most used at the beach is
  - a. taste.
  - b. touch.
  - c. hearing.

### Understanding the Passage

6. Footprints make impressions along the beach because the
  - a. sand is wet.
  - b. ocean is cold.
  - c. tides are different.
7. A smell unique to the seaside is
  - a. hot dogs cooking.
  - b. seaweed and salt air.
  - c. charcoal burning in a grill.
8. People do not generally use time at the beach for
  - a. sunbathing.
  - b. working.
  - c. playing volleyball.
9. Very few people spend a day at the beach without
  - a. eating a hamburger.
  - b. getting sunburned.
  - c. tasting salt water.
10. Ocean tides
  - a. occur only once in a while.
  - b. are constantly flowing.
  - c. create difficulties in traffic.