



## A DAY AT THE BEACH

It was a perfect Saturday morning. The sun was shining brightly, and the sky was clear blue. Alex, his older sister Maya, and his younger sister Chloe were excited. They planned a fun day at the **beach**! Their parents were busy, so the three **friends** decided to go alone.

First, they needed to get there. They walked to the **subway** station. Many people were already there, and the train was quite **crowded**. Everyone seemed to be going to the beach! Inside the subway car, it was noisy, but they found a spot to stand. Alex looked out the window as the city buildings rushed by. Maya listened to music, and Chloe looked at a map of the subway lines. After several stops, they finally arrived near the beach.

When they stepped onto the sand, the **beach** was already full of people. They found a small spot for their towels near the water's edge. Alex wanted to **tan** his skin, so he carefully put on sun cream and lay down in the warm **sun**. Maya put on her sunglasses and started looking for interesting **shells** in the sand. Chloe just wanted to **relax** and listen to the gentle sound of the **waves** coming in from the **ocean**.

Soon, Alex saw a group of teenagers playing **volleyball**. "Let's play!" he shouted. Maya and Chloe quickly joined him. They played for a long time, hitting the colorful ball over the net. They laughed a lot and felt the sand between their toes. After playing volleyball, they ran into the **ocean** to **swim**. The water was cool and felt wonderful after being in the hot sun.

Later in the afternoon, they ate the sandwiches and drank the cold juice their mom packed for them. As the sun began to go down, the sky turned orange and pink. The beach was still busy, but a little quieter. They packed their bags, tired but very happy. "What a fun day!" said Chloe with a big smile. Alex and Maya agreed. They knew they would remember this special day at the beach with their friends for a long time.

### Comprehension Questions

#### Activity 1: True or False?

Listen to / Read the story. Write **True (T)** or **False (F)** next to each sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_ Alex, Maya, and Chloe went to the mountains for their holiday.
2. \_\_\_\_ The subway was empty when they rode it.
3. \_\_\_\_ The sun was shining brightly on the beach.
4. \_\_\_\_ The children built a very big sandcastle.
5. \_\_\_\_ They found colorful shells near the water.
6. \_\_\_\_ The ocean water felt very cold for swimming.
7. \_\_\_\_ A small crab walked on the sand near their castle.
8. \_\_\_\_ Everyone felt sad at the end of the day.

## Activity 2: Choose the Best Answer

Listen to the story again. Circle the best answer (A, B, or C).

1. How did Alex, Maya, and Chloe travel to the beach?  
A. By car                      B. By bus                      C. By subway
2. What did Alex want to do when they first got to the beach?  
A. Build a sandcastle      B. Get a tan                      C. Play volleyball
3. What did they do in the ocean?  
A. They swam.              B. They fished.              C. They looked for crabs
4. How did the children feel at the end of their day at the beach?  
A. Bored                      B. Tired but happy              C. Hungry and thirsty

## Activity 3: Answer the Questions

Listen to the story one more time. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What was the weather like on their day at the beach?  
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2. What did Chloe like to do when they first arrived at the beach?  
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3. What sport did the teenagers play on the sand?  
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4. What did they eat and drink for lunch?  
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5. What colors did the sky turn as the sun began to set?  
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## Beach Word Match!

Match the words from the story with their meanings. Draw a line from the word to its meaning.

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| 1. <b>Subway</b>     | a. a game played with a net and a ball |
| 2. <b>Tan</b>        | b. to rest and feel calm               |
| 3. <b>Volleyball</b> | c. full of people                      |
| 4. <b>Crowded</b>    | d. skin gets darker from the sun       |
| 5. <b>Relax</b>      | e. an underground train                |
| 6. <b>Friends</b>    | f. people you know and like            |

## Teacher's Key

### Activity 1: True or False?

1. **F** The family went to the mountains for their holiday.
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### Activity 2: Choose the Best Answer

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| 1. How did Alex, Maya, and Chloe travel to the beach?              | <b>C. By subway</b>       |
| 2. What did Alex want to do when they first got to the beach?      | <b>B. Get a tan</b>       |
| 3. What did they do in the ocean?                                  | <b>A. They swam.</b>      |
| 4. How did the children feel at the end of their day at the beach? | <b>B. Tired but happy</b> |

### Activity 3: Answer the Questions

1. What was the weather like on their first day at the beach?  
*The weather was sunny, bright, and warm. The sky was clear blue.*
2. What did Chloe like to do when they first arrived at the beach?  
*Chloe just wanted to relax and listen to the gentle sound of the waves.*
3. What sport did the teenagers play on the sand?  
*They played volleyball.*
4. What did they eat and drink for lunch?  
*They ate tasty sandwiches and drank cold juice.*
5. What colors did the sky turn as the sun began to set?  
*The sky turned beautiful shades of orange and pink.*

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