

# At the Beach

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When I go to the beach on a summer day,  
There's a special game I like to play.

With pails of sand, I build a wall.  
I make it strong, I make it tall.



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When waves wash in, they can't quite reach  
The wall I've built upon the beach.

Then the waves get bigger, and before too long  
They'll reach my wall, so tall and strong.

At last a great wave strikes my wall.  
It leaves behind no wall at all.

So I run to the water and jump right in.  
Now it's time to take a swim.

**Now answer Numbers 1 to 7. Base your answers on the poem “At the Beach.”**

- 1** Which word from the poem rhymes with beach?
- Ⓐ great
  - Ⓑ reach
  - Ⓒ wash

- 2** Read this sentence.

**There’s a special game I like to play.**

What does play mean in this sentence?

- Ⓐ do something for fun
- Ⓑ act a part in a show
- Ⓒ make music

- 3** The wall is made from \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Ⓐ rocks
  - Ⓑ sand
  - Ⓒ shells
- 4** What word means the OPPOSITE of in?
- Ⓐ out
  - Ⓑ quite
  - Ⓒ to
- 5** Which words from the poem show alliteration?
- Ⓐ At last a great wave
  - Ⓑ When waves wash in
  - Ⓒ Then the waves get bigger

- 6 What happens to the wall at the END of the poem?
- Ⓐ The boy hops up and down on it.
  - Ⓑ A strong wind blows it over.
  - Ⓒ A big wave washes it away.
- 7 What is the LAST thing the speaker does in the poem?
- Ⓐ gets a pail
  - Ⓑ builds a wall
  - Ⓒ jumps in the water