Vocabulary & Reading ‘At the Beach’

Ex 1: Match the vocabulary to the pictures, and compare your answers with a partner.



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ice lollies	beach towel	sandcastle	waves
beach hut	inflatables	seashells	bucket and spade
sun cream	ice-cream cones	crab	deckchair
seahorse	beach ball	lifeguard	jellyfish

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Ex 2: Read the text below, answer the questions, and compare your answers in pairs.

I'm John, and I'm really lucky because I live twenty minutes away from a beautiful beach with white sand and **turquoise** water. In the summer, I go to the beach every weekend with my wife Joanna and our children, Katie and Paul. We usually arrive in the afternoon because **it takes a long time** to get ready.

In the morning, I prepare a **picnic basket** with fruit, sandwiches, and biscuits, and my wife packs a bag with sun cream, swimming costumes, beach towels, water, books, magazines, and a **picnic blanket**. We also bring **our own** deckchairs, buckets and spades, and inflatables for the kids. My daughter has an inflatable flamingo ring, and my son has a huge inflatable **dolphin**.

We spend about four hours at the beach. My wife is happy sunbathing and reading her book, but I think sunbathing is boring. I'm like a big kid. I love building sandcastles with my son and playing in the sea with a beach ball, especially when the waves are big. There is always a lifeguard watching the water, so we feel safe in the sea. My daughter is obsessed with sea life, so she walks up and down the beach looking for jellyfish, seahorses, crabs, and seashells.

After we have our picnic, I bring the kids to the beach hut, which sells ice-cream cones, ice lollies, and cold drinks.



We stay on the beach until **sunset** and then we pack everything up again and go home. We always have a fantastic time.

True or False?

1. The family live far away from the beach.
2. The family rent deckchairs on the beach.
3. John's wife prefers relaxing activities.
4. Swimming in the sea is dangerous.
5. Katie loves sea life.

Can you remember?

1. What food do the family prepare for the beach?
2. How long do they usually spend at the beach?
3. What activities does John like doing?
4. What does Katie look for on the beach?
5. What can you buy from the beach hut?

Ex 3: Find synonyms in the text for these word/phrases.

1. child: _____.
2. put things in a bag: _____.
3. not interesting or fun: _____.
4. very big: _____.
5. lying in the sun: _____.
6. pass time: _____.
7. be extremely interested in sth: _____.

Ex 4: Vocabulary in Context

Look at the following words/phrases, which are underlined in the text, and discuss their meaning in pairs.

- *turquoise*
- *take time*
- *picnic basket*
- *picnic blanket*
- *our own*
- *dolphin*
- *sunset*

Ex 5: Ask and answer the questions below in pairs.



1. Do you live near a beach?
2. How often do you go to the beach?
3. What things do you take to the beach with you?
4. What activities do you like doing at the beach?
5. Can you name any other things (not on page 1) that you can find at the beach?
6. Take turns choosing an object from page 1, and describe it to your partner. Can they guess what it is?

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