

**Read the text below and answer the questions.**

### **A Day at the Beach**

Last Saturday, Maria and her family went to the beach. It was a hot and sunny day, and the sky was bright blue. Maria was excited because she had not been to the beach in a long time. Her parents said it was time to take a break from work and school. Everyone needed some rest and fun.

In the morning, they packed a picnic basket with food and drinks. They also brought towels, a big umbrella, sunscreen, and a radio. Maria and her younger brother, Tom, helped carry the bags to the car. The drive to the beach took about one hour.

When they arrived, the beach was already crowded with people. Some were swimming, others were sunbathing, and children were playing in the sand. Maria ran to the water with Tom. The sea was cool and clean. They splashed and laughed. After swimming, they built a large sandcastle. It had four towers, a bridge, and a small door. Maria decorated it with seashells she found nearby.

After some time in the water and under the sun, everyone felt hungry. They sat under the umbrella and ate sandwiches, fruits, and cold drinks. They listened to music on the radio and talked about school, friends, and fun memories. Maria's father took photos of them smiling and relaxing.

In the afternoon, they went for a walk along the beach. Maria found a beautiful shell and gave it to her mother. The sound of the waves and the wind made everyone feel peaceful. Maria lay on the towel and closed her eyes. She felt happy and calm.

That night, when they returned home, Maria was tired but smiling. She said, "Today was the best day I've had in a long time." Taking time out at the beach helped her forget her stress and feel fresh again.

**1. Why did Maria's family go to the beach?**

- A. To visit friends**
- B. To take a break and relax**
- C. To do school homework**
- D. To go shopping**

**2. What did Maria and her family bring to the beach?**

- A. Blankets, books, and candles**
- B. Food, towels, sunscreen, and a radio**
- C. Toys, clothes, and a tent**
- D. Chairs, pillows, and games**



**3. How did Maria and Tom enjoy the sea?**

- A. They sat and watched the waves**
- B. They swam and splashed in the water**
- C. They went fishing**
- D. They rode a boat**

**4. What did Maria and her brother build in the sand?**

- A. A boat**
- B. A tower**
- C. A sandcastle**
- D. A tunnel**

**5. Maria felt bored and tired at the beach.**

**True / False**

**6. What made Maria feel peaceful and relaxed?**

- A. Playing games on her phone**
- B. Watching TV at home**
- C. Listening to music and walking by the sea**
- D. Studying with her friends**

**7. Why is it important for Maria and students like her to take a break from school?**

- A. So they can miss their classes**
- B. To buy new things**
- C. To relax and feel less stressed**
- D. Because they do not like school**

**8. If you could plan a fun day out with your family, where would be a good place to go?**

- A. The exam hall**
- B. A quiet park for a picnic**
- C. The library to study**
- D. A factory tour**