READ THE PASSAGE Ask yourself why the author wrote the passage.

Beach Cleanup Day

I went to the beach with my class today, but not to swim and play. We went to the beach to work. We wanted to do something nice for our town. Our job was to pick up trash left on the sand. There are trash cans there, but some people do not use them. They leave soda cans, paper plates, and other kinds of trash right on the ground!

My teacher made cleaning up the beach a game. She put us in teams. She gave each team a big bag. The team that picked up the most trash would win a prize. I wondered what it would be.

Off we went! My friends and I ran around like ants in a picnic basket. Into the bags went lots of trash. The beach looked better and better. We all felt good about the work we did. We took a rest in the shade and ate a snack. We knew where to put our trash!

SKILL PRACTICE Read the question. Put an X by the correct answer.

1. What would be another good title for the passage?

__ "Going to the Beach"

__"Team Games"

__ "Acting Like Ants"

__"Kids Can Help"

2. The author thinks that people should_____ .

___get prizes for helping

___clean up their messes

___leave their food at home

___stay away from beaches

3. Why does the author mention ants?

___ to tell about a class picnic

___to show that bugs like trash

___ to show that the kids move fast

___to tell about bugs that live in sand

4. The author shows that kids can .

___do helpful things

___run around like ants

___obey their teachers