

"The Beach Trip"

Understand It!

Answer the following questions after reading:

Last summer my family and I went to the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama. It was a lot of fun until a gigantic storm rolled in. The **raging** wind was so **intense** that the waves became taller than me! Sand was **swirling** around like a tornado and my parents had to shut all the windows. We couldn't even go swimming or build a sand castle. I was really disappointed that we couldn't go outside and play. At first it was really boring inside, but then my mom came up with the idea to build a fort. My sister Sophie and I grabbed all the blankets and pillows we could find. My mom took all the blankets and **created** an enormous fort. Our fort looked like a castle meant for a king and a queen. Then Sophie and I stuffed all the pillows inside the castle fort. It looked like a fluffy cloud inside. My dad found some flashlights and my parents did a puppet show with their fingers. We played games and told **ridiculously** funny stories about magical places far away. My mom even brought in some yummy snacks for Sophie and me. Even though we didn't get to build a castle in the sand, we at least got to make one with blankets and pillows. It turned out to be the best beach trip ever!

1. The main idea was...
 - a. watching storms
 - b. making forts
 - c. going swimming
 - d. a beach trip
2. I know the narrator is happy because...
 - a. she got to swim
 - b. she built a sand castle
 - c. she built a fort
 - d. she stayed inside
3. What was the narrator upset about the most?
 - a. the storm
 - b. the fort
 - c. the puppet show
 - d. making a mess
4. What trait best describes the mom and dad?
 - a. frustrated
 - b. creative
 - c. boring
 - d. annoyed

WORD WORK Color the words in the passage that match each category below:

-  red Contractions
-  blue Plurals
-  green Adjectives
-  orange Proper Nouns

VOCABULARY Copy the 5 **bold** words from the passage. Use context clues and what you know to define each word:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____