

Using Illustrations to Understand Stories

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Quick Review

Pictures help you understand a story. They show what characters look like, where the story takes place, and what is happening. Use the pictures and the words together.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

A Day at the Beach

The story 'A Day at the Beach' has three pictures. In the first picture, a girl named Ella stands on yellow sand. She holds a green bucket and a red shovel. The sky is bright, and the sun is shining. The words say, 'Ella was ready to build.'

In the second picture, Ella is digging a deep hole in the sand. Sand is flying everywhere. Her face shows a big smile. A small crab peeks out of the hole. The words say, 'Ella found a surprise.'

In the third picture, Ella sits next to a tall sandcastle with shells on top. The crab sits near her feet. The sun is setting, and the sky is orange and pink. The words say, 'It was a perfect day.'

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Read about the pictures. Then answer the questions using the pictures and words.

1. What does the first picture show Ella holding?
 - A. a kite and a ball
 - B. a green bucket and a red shovel
 - C. a book and a pen
 - D. a towel and a hat
2. Where does this story take place?
 - A. at a school
 - B. at a beach
 - C. in a forest
 - D. at a farm



3. What surprise does Ella find in the second picture?
 - A. a shell
 - B. a fish
 - C. a small crab
 - D. a toy
4. How can you tell Ella is having fun in the second picture?
 - A. Her face shows a big smile.
 - B. She is sitting still.
 - C. She is crying.
 - D. She is sleeping.
5. What does Ella build at the beach?
 - A. a snowman
 - B. a fort of sticks
 - C. a tall sandcastle
 - D. a paper boat
6. How do the pictures show that time has passed?
 - A. Ella changes her clothes.
 - B. The sky changes from bright to orange and pink.
 - C. The sand turns blue.
 - D. The crab gets bigger.
7. Why do the pictures help you understand the story?
 - A. They show what is happening and what things look like.
 - B. They make the story longer.
 - C. They hide the ending.
 - D. They tell a different story.
8. The pictures show that the story takes place in winter.
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9. What does the third picture tell you that the words do not say?

10. Draw or describe a picture you would add to the story. What would it show?



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| Explanations | |
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| 1. B | The first picture shows a green bucket and a red shovel. |
| 2. B | The pictures show yellow sand and the ocean, so it is a beach. |
| 3. C | The second picture shows a small crab peeking out of the hole. |
| 4. A | The picture shows Ella with a big smile, so she is having fun. |
| 5. C | The third picture shows a tall sandcastle with shells on top. |
| 6. B | The setting sun and orange sky show that time has passed. |
| 7. A | Pictures show characters, setting, and events to help readers. |
| 8. F | The pictures show a sunny beach, not a winter day. |
| 9. | Answer: Example: It shows the sandcastle has shells on top and the crab stayed with Ella. Accept any detail seen only in the picture, not the words. |
| 10. | Answer: Example: A picture of Ella waving goodbye to the crab as she leaves the beach. Accept any picture idea that fits the story. |



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