

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

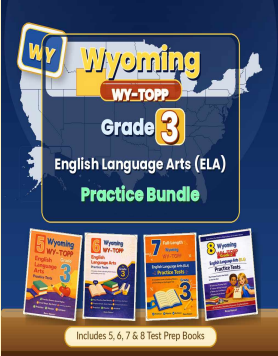
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Explanations	
<b>1. B</b>	The first picture shows a green bucket and a red shovel.
<b>2. B</b>	The pictures show yellow sand and the ocean, so it is a beach.
<b>3. C</b>	The second picture shows a small crab peeking out of the hole.
<b>4. A</b>	The picture shows Ella with a big smile, so she is having fun.
<b>5. C</b>	The third picture shows a tall sandcastle with shells on top.
<b>6. B</b>	The setting sun and orange sky show that time has passed.
<b>7. A</b>	Pictures show characters, setting, and events to help readers.
<b>8. F</b>	The pictures show a sunny beach, not a winter day.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> 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.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> 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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