

A Day at the Beach

Ted and Meg are taking Walter to the beach. Walter, who has never been to the beach before, is so excited that he can't stop talking.

"Is the beach big?" he asks. "Is the water deep? Are the waves high? Will I be frightened?"

beach

The children are going to the b_____.

Who has never been to the beach?

- Ted
- Meg
- Walter

Walter

no

Does Walter know what the beach is like? _____

yes

Is he excited about the trip? _____

everything



"You will see it all tomorrow," Ted and Meg tell Walter. They are packing everything _____ they will need in a big beach bag. "Let's see," Meg says. "We'll put the lunches in the bag tomorrow morning. We have beach sandals, suntan lotion, a blanket . . ."

"A blanket!" Walter shouts. "Will it be very cold? Shall I take Daddy's snow shovel?"

"Don't be silly, Walter," Meg says. "We aren't going to get under the blanket. We're going to sit on it. It won't be cold. Don't worry."

"I'm not worrying," Walter says. "I'm just trying to find out what it's like at the beach." Then he starts home, muttering, "I'm sure tomorrow will **never** come."

bag

The children packed a ___ag to take to the ___each.

beach

Suntan lotion is a liquid that you rub on your skin to keep from getting a bad sunburn.

yes

Are they taking some suntan lotion to the beach? _____

They are also taking a blanket

2.

- ___ 1. to keep themselves warm.
- ___ 2. to sit on.
- ___ 3. to swim in.

no

Will it be cold at the beach? _____

Meg



Morning comes at last and finds the children seated on the bus.

Who is sitting in the middle? _____

knees

She has the beach bag on her kn___s.

window

Walter is sitting by the wind___ so that he can watch for the ocean.

smill

"You'll smell the ocean before you see it," Ted tells him.

"What does it ___mell of?" Walter wants to know.

salty

"Salt," Ted answers.

"Like fish, you mean?"

fish

"Something like that," says Ted. "Ocean water is s___lty. That's why the ___ish that come from the ocean smell a little bit salty."

seaweed

"So does seaweed," says Meg. "That's a plant that grows in the ocean. You'll see a lot of seaw___d washed up on the beach."

“Which is the beach?” Walter asks next. “Is it the wet part or the dry part?”

“The dry part is called the beach, or seashore,” says Meg. “The beach is covered with sand. You can walk around on it. The wet part is the ocean. You can swim in the ocean.”

beach

ocean

salty

Ted says that the ocean smells salty.
sour.

Seaweed is a plant that grows

- __1. on large trees.
- __2. in sandy places.
- __3. in the ocean.

3.

seashore

The beach is also called the seashore.
sea horse.
seaweed.

water

The water in the ocean is salty.

smell

“I smell it! I smell the ocean!” shouts Walter, bouncing around on the seat.

shout

“I’m sorry,” Walter whispers. “I didn’t mean to shout. But I do smell it, **and now I see it,**” he yells, louder than ever.

bus

Meg looks out the window at the shining blue ocean and begins to bounce around just like Walter. “How blue it is today,” she says. The three children crowd around the window and stare at the ocean until at last the bus comes to a stop.

Walter

Who saw the ocean first? _____

smelled

Walter smelled
tasted
felt
the ocean before he saw it.

blue

What color is the ocean today? _____





beach

Walter finally gets his wish. Here he is on the b___ch. "Just look at all that water," he says. "Where is the other side?"

away

"It's so far aw___y that we can't see it," Meg says.

ocean

"It's hundreds of miles to the other shore," Ted says. "I don't know exactly how big the ___cean is, but I do know that it's huge."

swim

"Look at the way the water rolls and crashes," Walter goes on. "I don't see how you can swim in that."

waves

"Those are just waves," Meg tells him. "The waves make it fun to sw___m in the ocean. Shall we go in?"

"I don't think so," Walter answers. "I like the beach better than those w___ves."

"I'm glad the waves don't frighten me," says Meg, running into the water.

no

Does Ted know exactly how big the ocean is? _____

huge

He says that it is tiny.
huge.

no

Can the children see the other side? _____

