

# The school trip

Last Wednesday we went to the seaside. I got to school early and saw the coach waiting, which made me feel really excited. I had been feeling a bit grumpy, carrying what felt like the biggest backpack in the world, full of stuff: a packed lunch, a towel, sun tan lotion, spare clothes, a swimming costume, a hat, and so on. Miss said we all had to be responsible for looking after our own things. Bah!

The journey seemed to last for ever. A boy sitting near me was sick, so then we all felt sick. At last we saw a glimpse of the sea. As we got closer we could see enormous hills of sand. Imran told me they were called sand dunes. We all got off the coach and headed for the beach. Imagine trying to carry a heavy bag up a sand dune. My legs were aching. When we finally reached the top, I started to hurry down the other side. I couldn't stop and I ended up falling. I looked like a beached turtle. Luckily, the sand was soft and someone helped me up.

Miss chose a place for us to sit and leave our bags. Then we had choices – play in the sand and make sandcastles, go in the sea, or roll down the sand dunes. I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I quickly changed into my swimming costume and ran towards the sea. I stopped at the water's edge. A wave covered my feet. At first it felt freezing but, as I got used to it, I got braver and moved in up to my knees. I wanted to swim, but Miss said I couldn't. Spoilsport. I ran back up the beach to eat my packed lunch. I dropped my cheese sandwich in the sand, which made it taste a bit weird, but I was hungry so I still ate it.

Time seemed to fly. I had just finished building a sand boat when, unfortunately, Miss said we had to get ready and go to the coach. I hadn't had a chance to roll down the sand dunes, so I got changed really quickly and went for a sneaky roll, but Miss saw me and told me off.

We staggered back to the coach. I had half of the beach in my socks and shoes. As soon as the coach started moving, I fell asleep. When I woke up, we were outside school. What a great day out!





Use words from the box to finish each sentence.

freezing    sand dunes    Miss    Wednesday    backpack    coach

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- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ told them where to leave their bags.
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- 5 They went to the seaside on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 At first, the water felt \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Draw lines to link together these events and emotions from the recount.

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felt disappointed

Ate a sandy sandwich

felt excited

Went in the sea

felt sulky

Fell asleep

felt hungry

Had to get ready to go back to school

felt cold

Answer each of these questions in a sentence.

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- 8 Child's own answer, for example: The narrator said "Bah!" because they didn't want to carry their backpack and have to look after all their things.
- 9 Child's own answer, for example: The narrator says a "sneaky roll" in the sand dunes because they were supposed to be getting ready to go back to the coach and they didn't want the teacher to see them.