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**Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.****A Day at the Beach**

“I’ve never been to the beach before,” said Maria. She had moved from Nebraska the year before. “We don’t have beaches where I used to live.”

“Going to the beach is like going to a carnival,” exclaimed Robert, “because there are many things to do there.”

Robert’s mother drove Maria and Robert to the beach. When Maria stepped onto the sand, she jumped.

“The sand feels strange on my bare feet,” she said.

Robert taught Maria how to make sand castles. When they were finished, they decided to walk along the water’s edge. Robert saw a shadow in the water.

“Look, Maria. That is a school of fish,” he told her. They watched until the fish swam out of sight. Then they went into the water. The waves knocked Maria down, but she didn’t mind.

“You were right, Robert,” Maria said on their way home. “I love the beach.”

**Turn the page.**

Answer the questions below.

**1** How did Maria feel when she first stepped onto the sand?

- tired
- surprised
- hot

**2** Which sentence best tells about Maria and Robert?

- They lived in the same neighborhood.
- They did not like going to carnivals.
- They were good friends.

**3** Which sentence best tells about Maria?

- She did not know much about the beach.
- She liked taking walks every day after school.
- She missed her old friends in Nebraska.

**4** What was one new thing that Maria did at the beach?

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**5** Would you like to have Robert for a friend? Tell why or why not.

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**Common Core State Standards**

**Questions 1–5: Literature 1.** Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. **Literature 3.** Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.