Comprehension Test for ‘Going to the Beach’

Teacher’s notes

• Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
• Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
• Tell the children that this is part of the ‘Going to the Beach’ story.
• Ask them to read the text silently.
• Remind them to look at the picture, too.
• If there are any words they have forgotten tell them not to worry. Tell them to read everything they can.
• When they have finished reading the text, ask them to read each question one at a time.
• Do not give any help.
• Then ask them to read the two possible answers that are given.
• Ask them to underline which answer they think is correct.
• Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other’s work.
• Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.
It was a hot day. Holly and Tom looked out of the window. ‘Do you want to go to the beach?’ said Aunt Rose. ‘Yes, please,’ said Tom and Holly.

‘You need a picnic,’ said Mum. Holly and Tom made some cheese sandwiches. They put them on the table.

‘Can we go now?’ said Tom. Dad said, ‘No. Now you need some drinks.’ Holly and Tom found some drinks. They put them on the table.

‘Can we go now?’ said Holly. Mum said, ‘No. You need a map.’ Holly found the map. She put it on the table.

‘Can we go now?’ Holly and Tom said. ‘No. You need your hats and your swimsuits. Then you can go,’ Dad said. Tom and Holly found their hats and their swimsuits.

They went to the car with Aunt Rose. ‘Now we can go to the beach,’ they said.
Underline the correct answer.

1. It was a __________ day.
   a) new       b) hot

2. Holly and Tom looked out of the __________.
   a) window    b) table

3. ‘Do you want to go to the _______?’ said Aunt Rose.
   a) picnic    b) beach

4. Holly and Tom made some cheese __________.
   a) sandwiches b) swimsuits

5. __________ said, ‘You need some drinks.’
   a) Mum       b) Dad

6. Mum said, ‘You need a ________.’
   a) map       b) hat

7. __________ found the map.
   a) Tom       b) Holly

8. Dad said, ‘You need your _______ and your swimsuits.’
   a) hats      b) cats

9. Holly and Tom went to the _______ with Aunt Rose.
   a) table     b) car

10. ‘Now we can _______ to the beach,’ they said.
    a) go        b) got
Teacher’s notes for the Word Recognition Test for ‘Going to the Beach’

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that the words all come from the ‘Going to the Beach’ book.
- Tell the children to listen to each sentence that you read.
- Read the first sentence to the class and stress the word in bold print. Say the word in bold print again, on its own, when you have finished the sentence.
- Ask the children to choose which word they think it is from the two possible words they are given for that sentence.
- Ask them to underline the word of their choice. (If they make a mistake and want to change their mind, tell them to cross out the wrong answer they have given and underline the correct answer.)
- Repeat this procedure with each sentence.
- Make sure the children know which number sentence you are reading each time.
- Do not give any help.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other’s work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

Test sentences and words:

1. It was a hot day.         hot
2. ‘Do you want to go to the beach?’ said Aunt Rose.  want
3. Put the picnic on the table. table
4. Tom and Holly found their hats. their
5. ‘This is fun,’ Holly said.   fun
6. ‘Why has the car stopped?’ Tom said. Why
7. Two men pushed the car. men
8. A man put a new wheel on the car. new
9. Tom and Holly went in the sea. sea
10. The picnic is on the table at home. home
Underline the correct word.

1. a) hat    b) hot
2. a) want    b) went
3. a) table    b) thank
4. a) the    b) their
5. a) fun    b) fast
6. a) Where    b) Why
7. a) man    b) men
8. a) new    b) now
9. a) she    b) sea
10. a) have    b) home