

## A BEACH

### ANSWERS

1. You can only hear the noise of the sea and the gulls in the background. You can also hear the boats floating nearby, and people swimming not far from the shore.
2. No, it isn't. It's a quiet place (with few people swimming and some people lying on the sand, enjoying the sun, and slowly going brown). There are no shops, no people making noises, no loud music. Everything is peaceful.
3. The weather's just fine.
4. They first went there 22 years ago, when Ken was a child.
5. They went every year in summer, and stayed there a month.
6. Ken found the place educational because he could study the fish and sea animals there.
7. He could practise a variety of water-sports such as sailing, water skiing, speed boating, sail surfing.
8. Waves can get up to 2-3 metres high, the boats anchored on the beach can get lost, the wind can blow the tents away
9. Because the scenery is really gorgeous
10. Because it's a place far away from the rest of the world where he can just relax forgetting about life problems

## MATCHING

1	e
2	i
3	a
4	g
5	h
6	b
7	f
8	c
9	d

## Correct false statements

- a) The weather can be bad sometimes, there can be storms with strong winds and the sea can be dangerously rough.
- b) He found silence important because it gave him the chance to think and read away from the noise which surrounded him at school
- c) T
- d) There's a lot to learn for a child. He found rock pools educational because there he could study the small fish and sea animals
- e) Sailing is a very popular activity in the UK. Lots of people go sailing.
- f) T
- g) T
- h) Besides sailing people like to try a great variety of sports such as water skiing, speed boating, sail surfing
- i) The beach is far away from any crowded tourist area

## QUESTIONS

- a) Where is sailing a serious activity
- b) What water sports are becoming popular in the UK?
- c) What is the little town in the county of Dumfries and Galloway called?
- d) How often do you go there?
- e) What opportunity did the beach give you
- f) How high can the waves get in bad weather?