

**Series 8**

**Places**

**Book 4**

**The Seaside**

## **The Seaside**

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**Stop! Help! Listen! Be quiet!**

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**Tom and Amy were excited. It was the summer holidays and they were going to the seaside.**

**Some time ago at the supermarket they had won a week's holiday. Tomorrow they were going to stay at a big hotel in Wales.**

**Mum called the children down to the kitchen.**

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**“Have you checked your cases? Look round and make sure you have all you need. Pack it all tonight. We want to make an early start.”**

**Next day the family were up early.**

**Mum had planned the route. They would be going by car, using the motorways.**

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**“We will share the driving,” said Dad,  
“as it is such a long journey.”**

**It took a long time, but at last they  
arrived at the destination.**

**“I can see the sea,” cried Amy. “Can  
we go to the beach straight away?”**

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**“Let’s check in and take the cases to the room. Then we can go,” said Dad.**

**The hotel was a big one. The family had a large room at the front. They could see the sea and the beach. Downstairs was a games room and a swimming pool.**

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**“Let’s go to the beach now,” begged Amy.**

**“Can we have a swim as it’s very hot?”**

**“You can, but I would rather paddle,” said Dad.**

**The beach was full as it was such a hot day.**

**There wasn’t much room anywhere. They could hear  
the sound of children squealing and having a good time.**

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**Amy and Tom were soon undressed and  
eager to rush down to the sea.**

**“Race you there,” shouted Amy.**

**The cold water felt good as they swam and  
splashed around, shrieking and squealing with joy.**

**When they were tired, Tom and Amy came**



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**out of the sea and wandered along the beach.**

**“Look what I’ve found,” said Amy.**

**There were some long razor shells on the sand.**

**“Let’s get a bucket and look for some more  
shells,” said Tom. They filled the bucket  
with a starfish, a crab and all sorts**

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**of shells.**

**“I cannot find any more now,” said Amy.**

**“Let’s go and show Mum and Dad.”**

**When they got back, Mum gave Amy  
and Tom one pound 80 pence each to buy ice  
creams for all the family.**

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**Soon it was time to go back to the hotel.**

**Over the meal they talked about the holiday.**

**“What would you like to do whilst we are here?”**

**asked Mum. “What about tomorrow?”**

**“I'd like to go on the beach every morning, then  
go off somewhere else in the afternoons,” said Tom.**

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**“That sounds like a good plan,” said Dad.**

**“I would like to go to the fair.” said Amy.**

**“I would rather go to the aquarium,” said Tom.**

**“They have loads of sharks and octopuses, and even a killer whale!” They discussed plans.**

**The holiday flew by. Each day there were**

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**new things to do and see. It was such good fun.**

**By Friday the weather had changed.**

**A wind was blowing, the waves were crashing and the sky looked stormy. The family were taking a last walk along the sea front. It started raining hard. They heard a loud clap of thunder.**

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**“Run for shelter!” cried Dad. They found  
some seats under cover, facing out to sea.**

**“What’s that, by the rocks?” asked mum.  
She took out the binoculars.**

**“Oh no!” she cried. “It looks like a  
sailing boat has run aground on the rocks.**

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**We will have to raise the alarm at once."**

**Just then a flare went up and a siren sounded.**

**"That's the signal to call out the  
lifeboat," said Dad. "How exciting!"**

**In a very short time the lifeboat crew  
were getting the rescue boat into the water.**

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**The waves were huge, blown up by the strong wind. “Won’t it sink in that rough sea?” asked Tom, who felt a bit scared.**

**“No, lifeboats can’t sink,” said Mum. Even if it overturns it will stay afloat.”**

**They took it in turns to use the**



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**binoculars. One of the rescuers threw a rope to the damaged boat. The waves were pounding the lifeboat. It was very near the rocks.**

**Slowly, one by one, the crew were taken off the wreck. They were soon all in the lifeboat and heading to the safety of the beach. Only a**

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**few minutes later a huge wave tossed the broken sailing boat off the rocks, and as the family watched, it sank.**

**“The crew were saved just in time,” said Tom.**

**“Yes, thanks to the bravery of the lifeboat men,” said Mum. “That was nearly**

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**a very nasty disaster. The boat has been lost,  
but at least all the people are safe and sound."**

**They all agreed that they would not forget this  
holiday for a very long time!**

## Fun Page

**Answer True or False.**

- 1. The family went to Cornwall.**
  - 2. They stayed in a little hotel.**
  - 3. It rained every day.**
  - 4. Tom wanted to go to the aquarium.**
  - 5. A boat ran aground on some rocks.**
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