

**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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