

At The Seaside



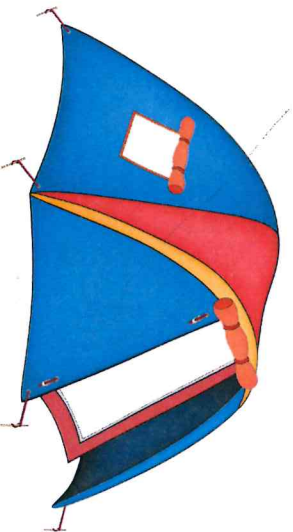
This is the story of a boy called Sam and a boy called Tim. They live in a city with their mother and father. The whole family like their house and life in the city. However, they also like the sea and it's very far away. They go there once a year and always have a great time.

They had been going there since Sam and Tim were very small. They usually went by car and, as they got near, could hear the sea.

However, last year they didn't go by car. They got the train.



The train was better than the car. They had the best time ever. On the way, their mother read a book and their father read the paper. As the train turned toward the sea, it was almost as if they were upon it, without land below them. Once, Tim was sure he saw several fish in the sea but Sam said that could not be true as they were not near enough to the sea. Later, during the night, Sam thought he heard an animal near their tent.

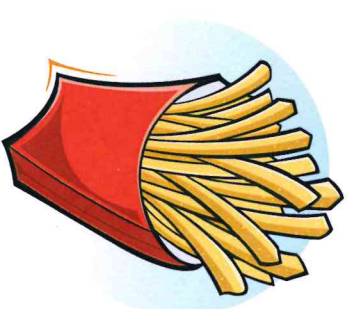


He thought he could see its head and body against the door of the tent. He could hear the earth under

its feet. He put the light on. For a second he did not move then he put out his hand because he could not see. Then he called his family, however they didn't answer him. He knew they were there as he could see their feet against their bedroom door.

Soon they heard him and got up. He began to tell them what he had seen. He asked if he could change his room because he didn't like being near the door. His father took a look on the other side of the door but it was not light enough to see a thing. He told Sam to try not to think about it. However, Sam did not turn off the light until the sun had come up.

Later that morning, they went down to the sea and had fish and chips. The sun was high above them and each white face soon turned red.



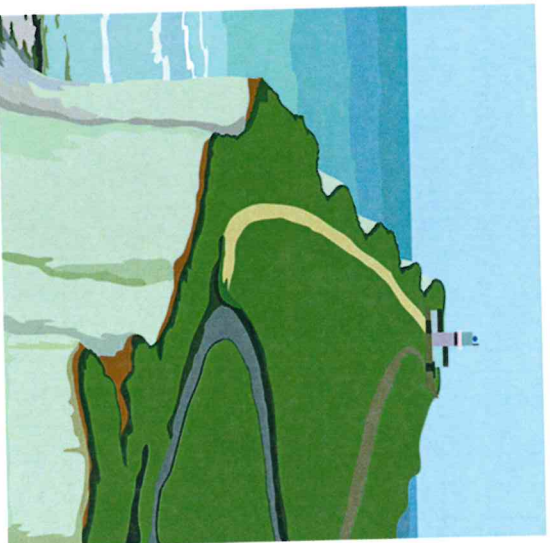
"Why are there no plants by the sea?" asked Tim. "I'm not sure that is true. Let us see if

we can find any. Don't you learn that kind of thing at school?" asked his father.

"We are too young. We might study it in high school," said Tim.

They went across to the land at the side of the sea. There was a group of plants, about four or five of them. They took a picture. They had a book on plants at home. Tim would look through each page and sentence until he saw them.

They went up to the top of the cliff.



It was very hard work going up and took a long time. Then, they went back down the cliff to the beach. Tim and Sam went to play in the sea.

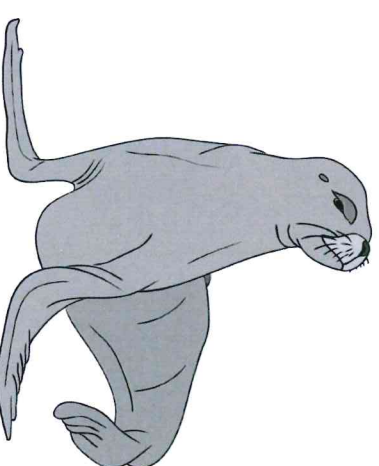
It was almost time to go back to the tent as it would soon be night. "Today has been great," their mother said. "We have done so much but we need to go back to our tent now. It will take half the time if we cut across the beach."

Later, Sam told Tim about the animal he had seen. He asked Tim if he could move into his room. He didn't want to be by himself. He said that he would give Tim money and would let him read his book.

"What is the point?" Tim asked. "What can I do if it is a lion? I'm too small."

"Why did you say 'a lion'? What kind of lions live in this country?" asked Sam. "Can you give me an example of one?"

"A sea lion," said Tim.



EXTRA WORDS

Summer Train Tent Chips Cliff Path Beach Sea lion

Above	Across	Against	Almost
Animal	Answer	Began	Being
Best	Better	Body	Boy
Car	Change	City	Country
Cut	Didn't	Done	Door
During	Earth	Enough	Ever
Example	Face	Family	Far
Father	Feet	Fish	Five
Four	Got	Group	Half
Hand	Hard	Head	Hear
Heard	High	Himself	However
I'm	It's	Kind	Knew
Land	Later	Learn	Let
Life	Light	Live	Money
Morning	Mother	Move	Near
Need	Night	Once	Page
Paper	Picture	Plants	Play
Point	Red	Room	Sea
Second	Seen	Sentence	Several
Side	Since	Soon	Story
Study	Sun	Sure	Thing
Today	Told	Took	Top
Toward	True	Try	Turn
Turned	Upon	Usually	White
Whole	Without	Year	Young