

Understanding words - 2

Read the poem.

Sunny days

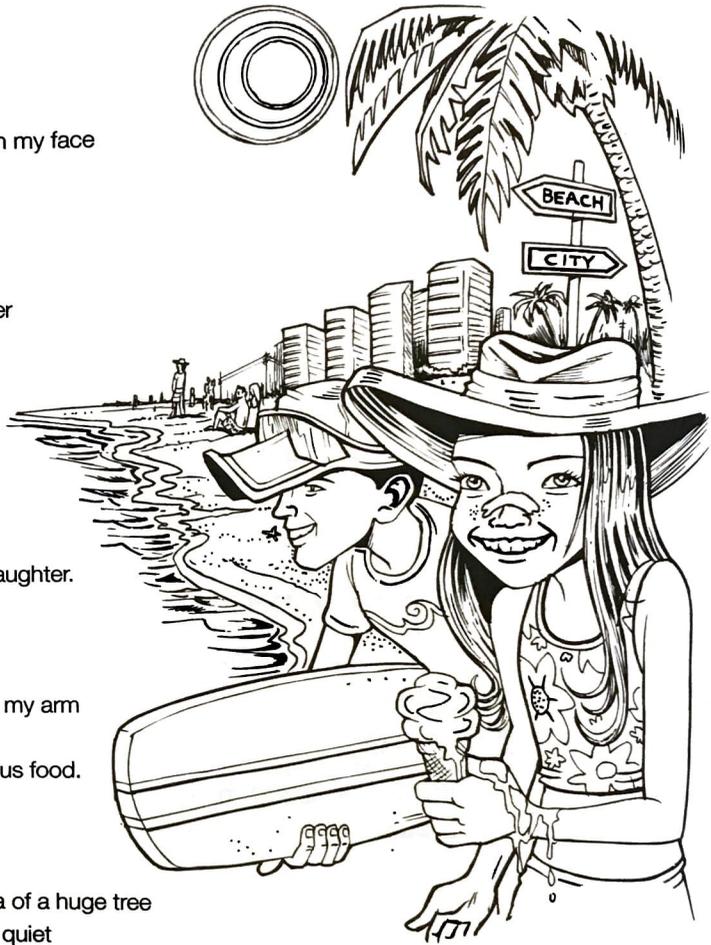
I love sunny days
playing with my comrades
running through the park
the sunshine streaming down on my face
warming my body to the core.

I love sunny days
regular excursions to the beach
late afternoon picnics by the river
family time together
warming my heart with love.

I love sunny days
frolicking in the swimming pool
smiles on our cherry-red faces
big floppy hats on our heads
warming my soul with fun and laughter.

I love sunny days
sipping on icy cool beverages
dripping sticky ice-cream down my arm
BBQs under the patio
warming my tummy with delicious food.

I love sunny days
listening to music in the garden
reading silently under the umbra of a huge tree
endeavouring to keep cool and quiet
warming my mind with my favourite things.



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Try it out

Use the strategies you learnt and practised in *Jupiter* to work out the meaning of some words and phrases.

- Find and underline the word or phrase in the report.
- Read the word and think about how it fits with the other words around it.

1. Is the meaning of the word **comrades**:

- (a) pet dogs?
- (b) friends?
- (c) sporting equipment?
- (d) Mum and Dad?

The best answer is .

Think!
Think about who you would play with in the park.

2. Explain what the author means by **cherry-red faces**.

3. Do the words **umbra of a huge tree** mean:

- (a) leaves of a big tree?
- (b) shade of a large tree?
- (c) branches of a tree?
- (d) burning coals of a tree?

The best answer is .

4. Choose the best meaning for the phrase **endeavouring to keep cool and quiet**.

- (a) lying down to keep cool and quiet
- (b) exercising carefully to keep cool and quiet
- (c) relaxing to keep cool and quiet
- (d) trying really hard to keep cool and quiet

The best answer is .

5. Draw a picture to show the meaning of **frollicking in the swimming pool**.

6. Write another word which could have been used instead of ...

- (a) core. _____
- (b) streaming. _____
- (c) beverages. _____
- (d) excursions. _____