

SUMMER

Fictional Comprehension Passages



My Prize-Winning Sandcastle

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Finally, we finished the top level of our sandcastle. Now, for the finishing touches. We dug a moat around the sandcastle, added a bridge, several windows, and a flag on top. My very last step was putting flags in the top of the castle!

We stood back while the judges carefully checked out our sandcastle.

Name: _____

Write a paragraph responding to the prompt:

Describe how you would build your prize-winning sandcastle. What would it look like?

Name: _____

Read My Prize-Winning Sandcastle. Put the events in order.

First...	
Next...	
After that...	

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We stood back while the judges carefully checked out our sandcastle. They walked around it, bent down to look closely, wrote down things on a clipboard, and whispered to each other. Then, they walked back to the judges.

Finally, time for the announcement.

"And the winner is 'Team Castle' because of their precision and details!"

We jumped up and down and cheered. Then collected our reward!

STORIES

Story Set	Title	Skills Practiced
1	The Waves Took My Sandwich!	Story Element Questions Write about solutions
2	My Prize-Winning Sandcastle	Sequencing Write about their own castle
3	My First Trip on a Boat	Dialogue Write about personal experience
4	The Jellyfish and the Seahorse	Plot and Events Write a fictional story
5	Surfer Sam	Comparing Characters Write about a personal friend

ONE SAMPLE SET

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We stood back while the judges carefully checked out our sandcastle. They walked all around it, bent down to look closely, and whispered to each other. Then, they walked back to the announcer.

Finally time for the announcement. "And the winner is 'Team Castle'!" We jumped up and down and cheered, then



Name: _____
Read My Prize-Winning Sandcastle. Put the events in order.

First...	
Next...	
After that...	
Then...	
At last...	

Name: _____
Write a paragraph responding to the prompt.
Describe how you would build your prize-winning sandcastle.

- What's included?**
- Fiction story
 - Reading response page
 - Writing response page
 - Digital option in Google Slides

DIGITAL

The fiction comprehension sets are now available in Google Slides format.

To open each set of fiction passages, click on the link below after reading these instructions. These links will open Google Slides.

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-A Google Classroom account

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