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Directions: Read the passage. Then, use the passage to answer the questions.

Jessica Goes to the Beach

Jessica rubbed sunscreen on her arms. The hot summer sun beat down on her skin. The sand felt warm under her toes. Jessica loved the summer. It felt great to be outside.

She leaned back in her beach chair. The blue ocean stretched out in front of her. It seemed to go on and on forever. The waves made a soothing sound as they lapped against the shore.

Jessica opened her cooler bag. She took out a peanut butter sandwich and a bottle of water. As soon as she unwrapped the sandwich, a seagull flew in. It stared at her sandwich. Jessica laughed.

"Sorry, it's all mine," she said.

A cool breeze floated off of the ocean. Jessica closed her eyes. She felt so peaceful, like she could fall asleep any minute. Then she felt a tap on her shoulder.

"Hey, Jess." It was her cousin Brandon. "Let's go to the arcade."

"Okay," Jessica said.

She pulled on shorts and a t-shirt over her bathing suit. She followed Brandon across the sand. The arcade sat on the boardwalk above the beach.

A blast of ice-cold air conditioning hit her face as they walked inside. It was very dark in the arcade. The only light came from the flashing video screens. The loud noise from the machines made Jessica's ears hurt.

"Sorry, Brandon," Jessica said. "I'm going back to the beach."

1. What are two words in the story that describe how Jessica feels at the beach?

2. Where does Jessica go with Brandon?

3. What makes Jessica's ears hurt?

4. Does Jessica like the beach or the arcade more? Why?

5. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Brandon taps Jessica on the shoulder _____ he wants her to come with him to the arcade.

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