A Day at the Beach (B1 · English B1)

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Every year my family goes to the same beach in spring, when the weather is still cool and the town is quiet. My brother Tom and I love that place. The hotel is small and old, and the owner burns coal in a big black stove in the evening. The rooms are warm and they smell of smoke and salt.

On our first morning we walked down to the sand near the rocks. Tom took off his shoes and ran to the sea. I stayed behind and looked at the little birds on the stones. One bird had a hurt wing, so it could not fly away from us. We left it alone and walked in the other direction. Then Tom found a beautiful white shell and put it in his pocket for our mother. The sea was rough that day, because the wind had been strong all night. Big waves broke on the rocks and threw cold water over our faces. My father said that we could not swim before the sea became calm again, and we agreed with him.

In the afternoon the wind stopped. The surface of the sea looked like glass, and the water was green and clear. We went in slowly, because it was really cold. Tom put his head under and opened his eyes. He shouted that he had seen a long fish with a silver tail. I did not believe him at first. Then a small wave pushed me and I sat down in the shallow water, and everybody laughed at me. We played there for two hours and forgot the time.

Before dinner we tried a game with flat stones. My father showed us how to throw them, so that they jumped three or four times before they sank. Tom won every time, of course. On the way back to the hotel we passed an old well with fresh water, and we drank from it. That evening we sat by the window and watched the sky turn orange over the sea. Tom held his shell in his hand all through dinner. He said it was the best day of the holiday, and this time I did not argue with him.

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