

# Released Items

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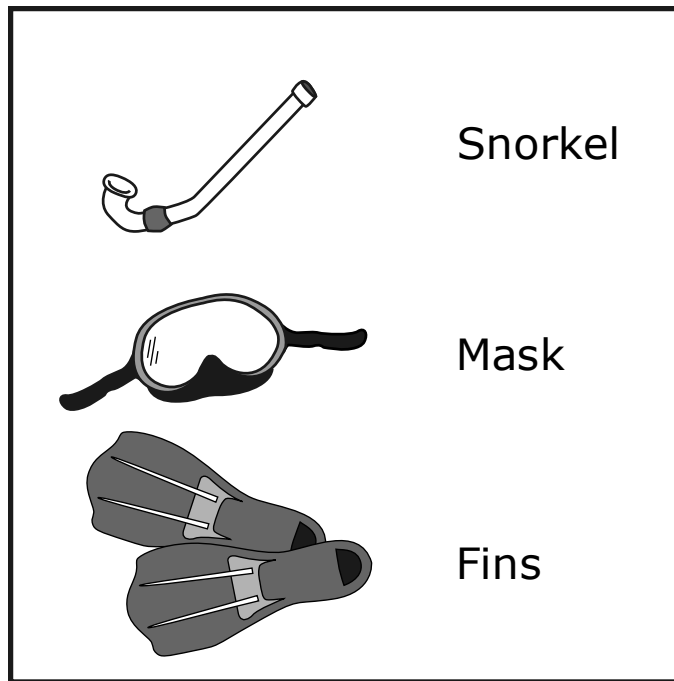
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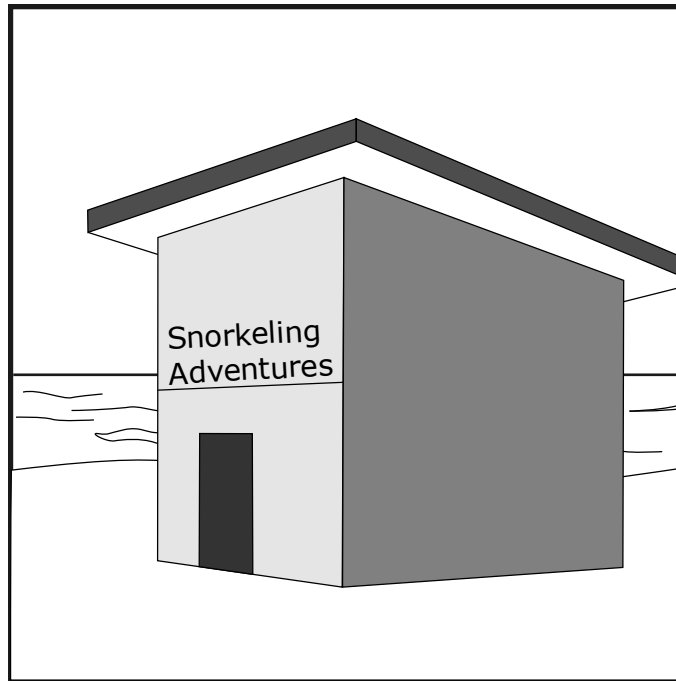
# Maria and Tom's Beach Weekend



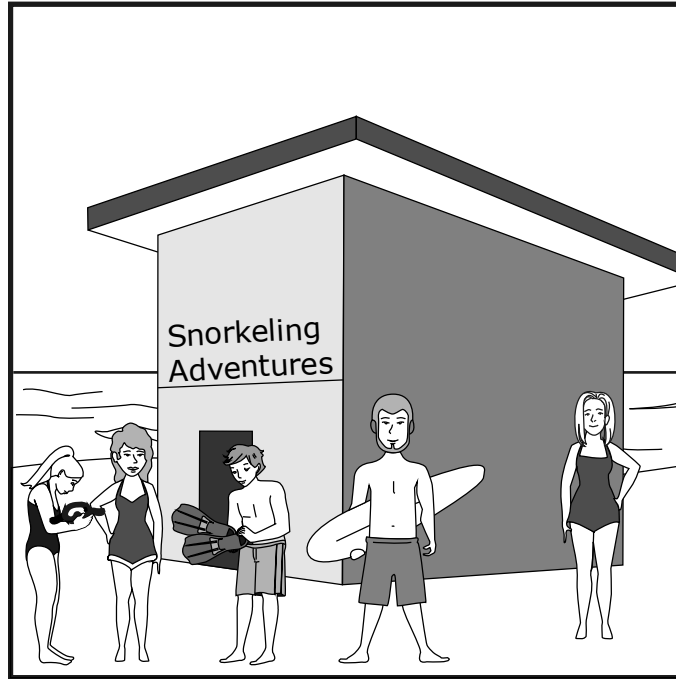
Every summer, Maria and Tom's parents take them to the beach for a weekend to spend time together. This summer, Maria and Tom asked their parents if they could try something new during their beach weekend.



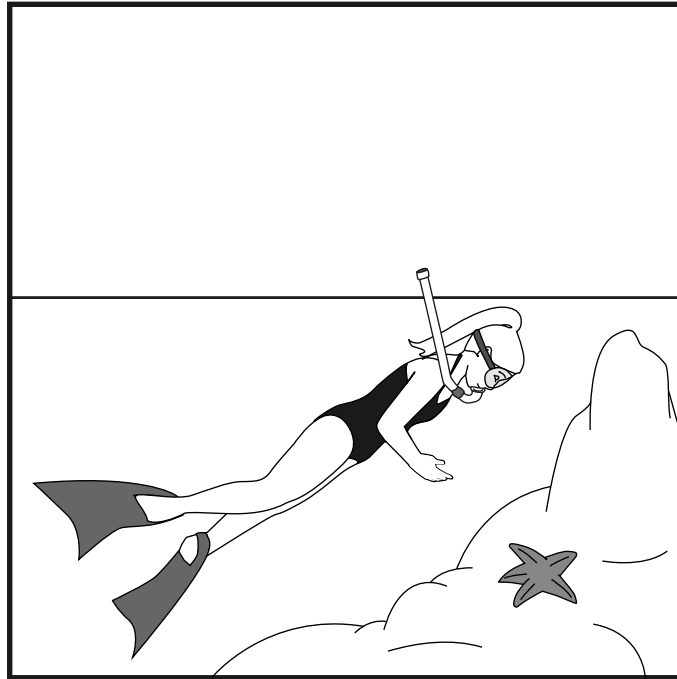
Maria and Tom told their parents they wanted to go snorkeling in the ocean. Snorkeling is a special kind of swimming that allows a person to swim underwater and see fish. Swimmers wear a tube called a snorkel that helps them breathe. They also wear a mask that allows them to see clearly and fins that make swimming easier.



Maria and Tom's parents thought it would be fun to try something new. They found a place on the beach called Snorkeling Adventures that takes people snorkeling and made plans to go during their beach weekend.



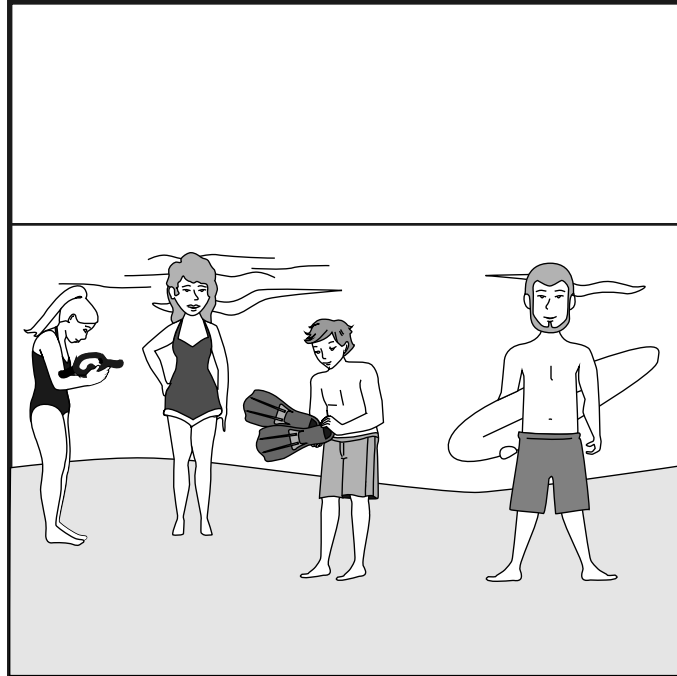
When the day to go snorkeling came, Maria and Tom were excited. They arrived at Snorkeling Adventures and met their guide, Kristy. She gave them each a snorkel, mask, and fins to wear and took them to a place where they could swim and see a lot of fish underwater.



While Maria was snorkeling, she saw a starfish and thought it was one of the prettiest animals she had ever seen.

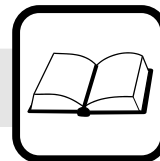


While Tom was snorkeling, he saw a horseshoe crab and thought it was one of the strangest animals he had ever seen.



Maria, Tom, and their parents had a great time snorkeling. They all thought it was fun to try something new during their beach weekend and are planning to do something different during next year's beach weekend.





## Item 1

Test Cards: Provided by NCDPI

- Selection: Maria and Tom's Beach Weekend
- Stem: "What is a *mask*?"
- A: something a swimmer wears to swim faster
- B: something a swimmer wears to breathe underwater
- C: something a swimmer wears to see things clearly in the water

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## Trial 1

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"What is a *mask*?"**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order (*Choice A*, *Choice B*, *Choice C*).
- The assessor says: (A) **"something a swimmer wears to swim faster"** (B) **"something a swimmer wears to breathe underwater"** (C) **"something a swimmer wears to see things clearly in the water"**
- The assessor repeats the stem and says: **"What is a *mask*? Select an answer."**
- If the student answers correctly, the assessor presents the next item.
- If the student answers incorrectly, the assessor removes the incorrect answer and proceeds to trial 2.
- If the student does not respond, the assessor randomly removes one of the incorrect answers and proceeds to trial 2.



## Trial 2

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"Let's try again. What is a *mask*?"**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order.  
If A was removed
- The assessor says: (B) **"something a swimmer wears to breathe underwater"** (C) **"something a swimmer wears to see things clearly in the water"**  
If B was removed
- The assessor says: (A) **"something a swimmer wears to swim faster"** (C) **"something a swimmer wears to see things clearly in the water"**
- The assessor says: **"What is a *mask*? Select an answer."**
- The assessor and student continue to the next item.

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## Item 2

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- Selection: Maria and Tom's Beach Weekend
- Stem: "What happens before Maria sees a starfish?"
- A: Maria's parents take her to Snorkeling Adventures.
- B: Maria's parents lie on the beach.
- C: Maria's parents see a horseshoe crab.

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- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"What happens before Maria sees a starfish?"**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order (*Choice A, Choice B, Choice C*).
- The assessor says: (A) **"Maria's parents take her to Snorkeling Adventures."** (B) **"Maria's parents lie on the beach."** (C) **"Maria's parents see a horseshoe crab."**
- The assessor repeats the stem and says: **"What happens before Maria sees a starfish? Select an answer."**
- If the student answers correctly, the assessor presents the next item.
- If the student answers incorrectly, the assessor removes the incorrect answer and proceeds to trial 2.
- If the student does not respond, the assessor randomly removes one of the incorrect answers and proceeds to trial 2.



## Trial 2

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"Let's try again. What happens before Maria sees a starfish?"**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order.  
*If B was removed*
- The assessor says: (A) **"Maria's parents take her to Snorkeling Adventures."** (C) **"Maria's parents see a horseshoe crab."**  
*If C was removed*
- The assessor says: (A) **"Maria's parents take her to Snorkeling Adventures."** (B) **"Maria's parents lie on the beach."**
- The assessor says: **"What happens before Maria sees a starfish? Select an answer."**
- The assessor and student continue to the next item.



## Item 3

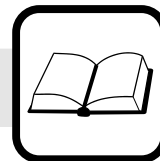
Test Cards: Provided by NCDPI

- Selection: Maria and Tom's Beach Weekend
- Stem: "What is the meaning of *wear* in this sentence from the selection?  
'She gave them each a snorkel, mask, and fins to wear.'"
- A: to have on the body
- B: to become tired
- C: to overuse

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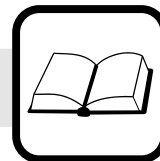
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- The assessor presents and reads the answer choices in the following order (*Choice A, Choice B, Choice C*).
- The assessor says: (A) **"to have on the body"** (B) **"to become tired"** (C) **"to overuse"**
- The assessor repeats the stem and says: **"What is the meaning of *wear* in this sentence from the selection? She gave them each a snorkel, mask, and fins to wear. Select an answer."**
- If the student answers correctly, the assessor presents the next item.
- If the student answers incorrectly, the assessor removes the incorrect answer and proceeds to trial 2.
- If the student does not respond, the assessor randomly removes one of the incorrect answers and proceeds to trial 2.



## Trial 2

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"Let's try again. What is the meaning of *wear* in this sentence from the selection? She gave them each a snorkel, mask, and fins to wear."**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order.  
If B was removed
- The assessor says: (A) **"to have on the body"** (C) **"to overuse"**  
If C was removed  
The assessor says: (A) **"to have on the body"** (B) **"to become tired"**
- The assessor says: **"What is the meaning of *wear* in this sentence from the selection? She gave them each a snorkel, mask, and fins to wear. Select an answer."**
- The assessor and student continue to the next item.



## Item 4

Test Cards: Provided by NCDPI

- Selection: Maria and Tom's Beach Weekend
- Stem: "What animal did Tom see while he was snorkeling?"
- A: seahorse
- B: starfish
- C: horseshoe crab

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### Trial 1

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"What animal did Tom see while he was snorkeling?"**
- The assessor presents and reads the answer choices in the following order (*Choice A, Choice B, Choice C*).
- The assessor says: (A) **"seahorse"** (B) **"starfish"** (C) **"horseshoe crab"**
- The assessor repeats the stem and says: **"What animal did Tom see while he was snorkeling? Select an answer."**
- If the student answers correctly, the assessor presents the next item.
- If the student answers incorrectly, the assessor removes the incorrect answer and proceeds to trial 2.
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## Trial 2

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"Let's try again. What animal did Tom see while he was snorkeling?"**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order.  
If A was removed  
 The assessor says: (B) **"starfish"** (C) **"horseshoe crab"**  
If B was removed  
 The assessor says: (A) **"seahorse"** (C) **"horseshoe crab"**
- The assessor says: **"What animal did Tom see while he was snorkeling? Select an answer."**
- The assessor and student continue to the next item.

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## Item 5

Test Cards: Provided by NCDPI

- Selection: Maria and Tom's Beach Weekend
- Stem: "How does the family's decision to go to Snorkeling Adventures relate to the theme of the selection?"
- A: The family goes to the beach every summer.
- B: The family wants to try something different at the beach.
- C: The family loves starfish and horseshoe crabs.

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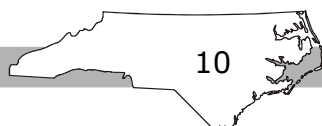
- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"How does the family's decision to go to Snorkeling Adventures relate to the theme of the selection?"**
- The assessor presents and reads the answer choices in the following order (*Choice A, Choice B, Choice C*).
- The assessor says: (A) **"The family goes to the beach every summer."**  
(B) **"The family wants to try something different at the beach."**  
(C) **"The family loves starfish and horseshoe crabs."**
- The assessor repeats the stem and says: **"How does the family's decision to go to Snorkeling Adventures relate to the theme of the selection? Select an answer."**
- If the student answers correctly, the assessor ends the presentation of the sample items.
- If the student answers incorrectly, the assessor removes the incorrect answer and proceeds to trial 2.
- If the student does not respond, the assessor randomly removes one of the incorrect answers and proceeds to trial 2.



## Trial 2

- The assessor presents and reads the stem.
- The assessor says: **"Let's try again. How does the family's decision to go to Snorkeling Adventures relate to the theme of the selection?"**
- The assessor presents the answer choices in the following order.  
If A was removed  
 The assessor says: (B) **"The family wants to try something different at the beach."** (C) **"The family loves starfish and horseshoe crabs."**  
If C was removed  
 The assessor says: (A) **"The family goes to the beach every summer."** (B) **"The family wants to try something different at the beach."**
- The assessor says: **"How does the family's decision to go to Snorkeling Adventures relate to the theme of the selection? Select an answer."**  
 The assessor ends the presentation of the sample items.

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something a swimmer wears to see things  
clearly in the water

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Maria's parents lie on the beach.

Maria's parents see a horseshoe crab.

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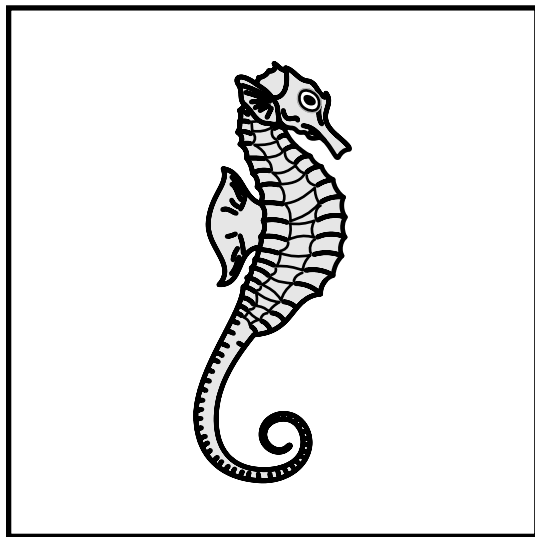
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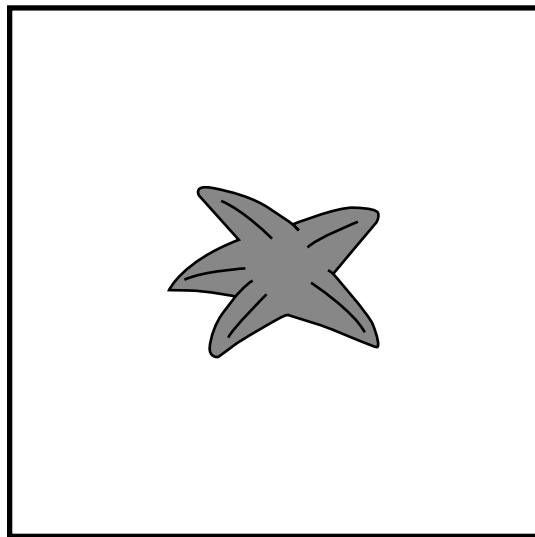
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What animal did Tom see while he was snorkeling?

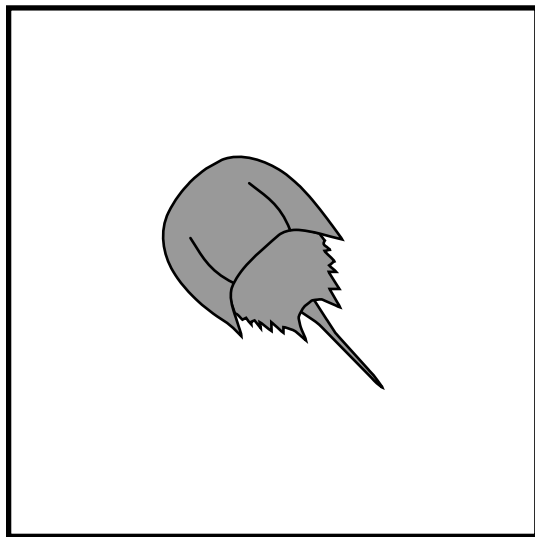


seahorse





starfish



horseshoe crab

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