

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *At the Beach*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

algae a group of related living things, mostly living in water

concealed put out of sight; hidden

driftwood wood carried along by water or washed ashore from the water

hammocks hanging beds or couches made of canvas, cord, etc.

lamented felt or showed grief for

sea urchins small, round sea animals with spiny shells

sternly strictly, firmly

tweezers small pincers for picking up small objects

Grammar

Modifiers

Remember to use **modifiers** correctly. To avoid confusion, keep your modifiers close to the words they modify.

Sometimes using modifiers incorrectly changes the meaning of a sentence.

For example, *Only Ken visits* has a different meaning from *Ken only visits*.

Prepositional phrases should be kept close to the words they modify too. For example, *The gift from France is on the table* has a different meaning from *The gift is on the table from France*.

Activity

Mixed-Up Modifiers With a family member, make a list of seven words or phrases you can use as modifiers. Then pick a sentence out of a newspaper, magazine, or book. Each of you should make a new sentence by inserting as many modifiers as you can from your list into the sentence you chose. How are the meanings of the new sentences similar to the meanings of the original sentences? How are they different?

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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