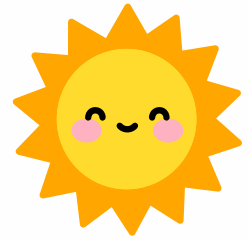


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Read the story, answer the questions,  
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## Building a Sandcastle

Emily and her friend Max love to play at the beach. They enjoy building sandcastles near the water. They use shovels and buckets to shape their sandy towers and walls. Every time they visit, they try to make their castle bigger and more elaborate. One sunny afternoon, while they were building, a wave washed away one side of their castle. Emily and Max were a little upset, but they didn't give up. Instead, they decided to rebuild it farther from the waves. As they were moving, they noticed a little boy watching them. He seemed shy but interested. Emily waved him over and asked if he wanted to help. The boy's name was Leo. Together, the three of them built the biggest sandcastle yet. Max showed Leo how to dig a deep moat, while Emily taught him to make tall towers. By the end of the day, they had not only built a great castle but also made a new friend. Emily and Max were happy that Leo would be there to build more castles throughout the summer.



# Short Story and Reading Comprehension



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1.) What do Emily and Max like to do at the beach?

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2.) What happened to their sandcastle one afternoon?

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3.) How did Emily and Max react when their castle was washed away?

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4.) Who did Emily and Max meet at the beach?

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5.) What did Max and Emily teach Leo to do?

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