

Try this fun beach activity to support your child's literacy development in grades 3 through 5!

## Five Senses at the Beach

Involve all your senses as you encourage your child to pay close attention to the special experience of being at the beach. This activity will strengthen vocabulary and skills related to descriptive language.

### MATERIALS:

For this activity, you will need paper and something to write/draw with (optional: a stapler to make your drawings into a book).

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Review the five senses with your child: smell, touch, sight, taste, hearing.
2. Challenge your child to find five ways their senses are active at the beach by creating one statement for each sense.
3. Examples:
  - Smell:** "I can smell sunscreen in the air."
  - Touch:** "The sand is rough to the touch."
  - Sight:** "I can see the sun shining off the water."
  - Taste:** "The water tastes salty on my lips."
  - Hearing:** "I can hear the waves crashing."
4. Have your child draw a picture of each sensory experience and write the sentence as a caption underneath.
5. *Extend:* Have your child choose one sense, explore it more by adding more details/lines, and create a poem about those sensory experiences at the beach.
6. *Optional:* Create a book as a souvenir of your trip to the beach.