

Vocabulary

Use the words from the box to finish the sentences.

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1. The sand dune created an enormous _____ between our house and the stormy ocean.
2. When the storm ended, we saw our cat _____ from hiding.
3. Before noon, our town's _____ will be studying the storm's effect on the beach.
4. She can reach the beach on one of three _____ paths that run next to each other.
5. When the sun comes out, our beach will be _____ with life.
6. What does it mean when the rising sun looks like a _____?

**Story Comprehension**

Write an answer to each question about "An Island Scrapbook."

1. Where does "An Island Scrapbook" take place? _____
2. What happens in "An Island Scrapbook"? _____

3. What kinds of observations are included in the scrapbook? _____

4. How do you think Amy and her mother feel about the island and its natural places and creatures? _____

At Home: Have students make one entry for an observation scrapbook about a place they really like.

Fact and Nonfact

Information that can be proven true is a **fact**. You can usually find facts in nonfiction books and other reference materials. Information that can be proven false is a **nonfact**. Your proof might come from personal observation or from your school studies.

Read the paragraphs. Then write FACT or NONFACT for each sentence below.

Nantucket Island is part of the state of Massachusetts. The island is only a short ferry ride from Cape Cod. On the island you can see unusual plant and animal life. Nantucket has a science museum and a small aquarium. The aquarium houses the world's only living stegosaurus.

Nantucket is only 14.5 miles long and 3.5 miles wide, so it's easy to get around on a bicycle. The islanders maintain many miles of bike paths to help residents and tourists alike get from one place to another. The only way to really see Nantucket is by riding your bike over the land and water. Many people enjoy visiting Nantucket, especially in the summer.

- _____ 1. Nantucket is an island.
- _____ 2. The island is only a short ferry ride from Cape Cod.
- _____ 3. The aquarium houses the world's only living stegosaurus.
- _____ 4. Nantucket is only 14.5 miles long and 3.5 miles wide, so it's easy to get around on a bicycle.
- _____ 5. The only way to really see Nantucket is by riding your bike over the land and water.

Fact and Nonfact

Facts can be proven true, often by returning to a story or using reference sources.
Nonfacts can be proven false, often by using your own knowledge or experience.

In “An Island Scrapbook,” Amy and her mother observe many different natural and human features in their walks around the island. Read the sentences about their observations and experiences. Write the sentences that are facts on lines 1 to 4. Write the sentences that are nonfacts on lines 5 to 6. You may look back at the story for help.

- Barrier islands protect the coast during hurricanes.
- Hurricanes are nature’s way of fixing water shortages.
- Amy and her mother wake up before dawn and paint the sunrise.
- Shrimpers, fishermen, and shorebirds come out early.
- The crabs take up their fiddles and play a popular song.
- In the forest, Amy meets Snow White at the castle.
- Amy’s mother sees deer flying over the forest.
- After the storm, Amy and her mother explore and take photos.

Facts

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Nonfacts

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Important and Unimportant Information

Recognizing **important information** can help you summarize what you read. Important information helps you understand the selection's main idea, which should be in a summary. **Unimportant information** adds interesting detail, but it's less useful in a summary.

Read the sentences beside each number. Circle the letter next to the information that is important. Your choice should have information you think belongs in a summary of "An Island Scrapbook."

1.
 - a. Amy and her mother dress quietly.
 - b. Amy has to go home the next week.
 - c. The sun glows above the trees on their last morning.
2.
 - a. While painting the sunset, Amy hears the lapping of the tide.
 - b. The salt marshes smell muddy.
 - c. Amy and her mother want to capture the island's beauty on paper.
3.
 - a. The island has many different natural settings.
 - b. There are a lot of fiddler crabs on the beach.
 - c. Acorns and pine cones cover the forest floor.
4.
 - a. Only shrimpers, fisherman, and shorebirds are out at dawn.
 - b. Each part of the island fits the needs of its plants and animals.
 - c. Amy finds animal tracks in the forest.
5.
 - a. There was a small hurricane earlier in the summer.
 - b. Amy collected many seashells.
 - c. The island has often suffered from hurricane damage.
6.
 - a. Amy and her mother enjoy the island very much.
 - b. A baby whale died because it swallowed garbage instead of food.
 - c. Amy once found a fossil shark's tooth on the beach.