

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

## A Day at the Shore

A day at the shore  
With the sand and the sea  
And my face to the sun for a kiss

5 A day at the shore  
Is just what I need  
After a miserable day like this!

All the stress and the worry  
And terrible rush,  
There's always so much left to do.

10 Like a seagull,  
I long to fly to the shore  
Where I will be reborn anew.

The warm breeze that blows,  
And the salt in the air  
15 Fills my heart with an aching love

As I bury myself  
In a warm bed of sand  
And listen to birds up above

20 Yes, a day at the shore  
Will be just the trick  
To brighten my darkest night.

As soon as I hear  
The waves on the beach  
I'll know everything's all right!

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- 1 Which statement expresses a theme in the poem?
- A Life can be stressful, even in nature.
  - B The true beauty of nature is revealed at night.
  - C It takes time to fully appreciate nature.
  - D Nature helps people find calm.
- 2 What is the **most likely** reason the poet compares the speaker to a seagull in line 10?
- A to show how the speaker loves to be in the sky
  - B to show how the speaker wants to escape
  - C to suggest that the speaker is a bird also
  - D to suggest that the speaker sees a bird in the sky
- 3 Which message is expressed in lines 13 through 24?
- A Taking the time to relax can brighten one's mood.
  - B Nights bring on the most difficult times.
  - C Everyone should go to the beach and play.
  - D Birds and sand at the beach are better during the day.

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4 Read the lines from the poem.

Yes, a day at the shore  
Will be just the trick  
To brighten my darkest night.

What does the metaphor “my darkest night” describe?

- A the speaker’s last day at the beach
- B the speaker’s very bad day
- C the previous night
- D the night that has not come yet

5 Draw a line to match each theme from the poem with the text evidence that best supports it.

**Theme**

**Text Evidence**

The simple elements of nature can affect us deeply.

“There’s always so much left to do.”

Everyday life is difficult.

“I long to fly to the shore  
Where I will be reborn anew.”

It’s important to refill our energy.

“And the salt in the air  
Fills my heart with an aching love”

