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At the Sea-side

Reading level 7 (3rd grade) · 57 words

When I was down beside the sea A wooden spade they gave to me To dig the sandy shore.

My holes were empty like a cup. In every hole the sea came up, Till it could come no more.

At the Sea-side was written by Robert Louis Stevenson. A Child's Garden of Verses was published in 1885.

Questions

1. What did the child get to dig with?

A. A wooden spade
B. A tin pail
C. A long stick

2. What happened in every hole the child dug?

A. It stayed dry
B. The sea came up
C. A crab hid in it

3. In this poem, what does "shore" mean?

A. The land by the sea
B. A kind of boat
C. A deep hole

4. What were the holes like at first?

A. Full of water
B. Empty like a cup
C. Covered with grass

5. Which words rhyme at the end of the first two lines of the second verse?

A. cup and came
B. up and more
C. cup and up

Words to know

spade: a digging tool
shore: land by the sea
sandy: full of sand

Answer key: At the Sea-side

1. A. A wooden spade
2. B. The sea came up
3. A. The land by the sea
4. B. Empty like a cup
5. C. cup and up