An	swer the questions using full sentences.
1	At what time of the year do you think the story takes place? How do you know?
2	Why was Tom excited on the first day of the holiday?
3	Why did Tom have a shock when he went into the sea?
4	How did Tom think he could reach the castle island?
5	What type of sand did Tom find easiest to run on and why was it easier?
6	Write about a time when you went somewhere special.

Ask the children to read the passage slowly and carefully, ensuring that they understand the story. Discuss the questions with them and encourage them to work out their answers orally before putting anything down on paper. Do they remember to write in complete sentences, using appropriate punctuation? Talk through the final question: can the children remember all the things they saw and did when they had a special day out?