

Shifting Shores Answer Key

Sample Responses

Similarities

1. Both passages describe the beach with waves and sand.
2. Both mention people visiting and enjoying food or drinks nearby.

Differences

1. Summer beach is hot and crowded; winter beach is cold and quiet.
2. Summer activities include swimming and sandcastles; winter activities include walking and solitude.
3. Summer visitors eat ice cream; winter visitors drink hot cocoa.

Questions (Sample Answers)

1. Passage A (summer) describes the busier beach, with families swimming, building sandcastles, and eating ice cream.
2. Passage B (winter) shows quietness and solitude, with fewer people walking along the shore.
3. In summer, visitors enjoy ice cream; in winter, they prefer hot cocoa.
4. (Answers will vary.) Example: I would prefer the summer beach because I like swimming in the ocean.

Teacher Notes/Guide

- This activity helps students **actively mark text** to distinguish **similar vs. different details**.
- Encourage use of **text evidence** (specific phrases like “crashing waves” or “quiet and nearly empty”).
- The “Recording Box” pushes students to practice **summarizing and organizing evidence**.
- The open-ended preference question fosters **personal connection** and deeper comprehension.