

Read the passage “Watching the Sun Set” and then answer Numbers 1 through 6.

Watching the Sun Set

- 1 Alex and Kate were on a camping trip with their grandparents. They were far away from the city, so they could not watch TV or use the Internet.
- 2 “I am bored,” said Kate. “Everybody is busy. Grandma is reading a newspaper, and Grandpa is cleaning up from dinner. Alex, what can we do?”
- 3 Kate was seven, and her brother Alex was fourteen. They did not like to do many of the same things. But Alex was bored here too. So he told Kate, “Let’s walk down to the beach.” The beach was not far from their tent, so the walk would not have to take long. That was important, because he was not sure they would enjoy it.
- 4 “We are going to the beach,” Alex called to their grandparents. Alex and Kate walked along the short trail, and soon they stepped onto the sandy beach.
- 5 Suddenly Kate stopped. “Alex, the sky looks like a painting!” she said. “There are no sunsets like this where we live, are there?”
- 6 Alex said, “Sunsets are everywhere, but we do not see them as much in the city with all the buildings.”
- 7 Kate nodded quietly. “I want to sit and watch.”

8 Alex said, “That does not sound like you. But fine, let’s sit down.”

9 Kate and Alex sat next to each other in the soft sand. The sky above the lake was yellow, orange, and purple. The clouds seemed to glow as the Sun moved slowly toward the edge of the lake.

10 “It is beautiful,” whispered Kate.

11 “Yes, it is,” said Alex.

12 They both watched quietly as the last rays of sunlight disappeared into the lake. Then they walked slowly back to the tent, where they saw Grandma and Grandpa sitting near the campfire.

13 “Did you have fun?” Grandpa asked.

14 “It was not just a nice walk, it was a wonderful walk! We went to the beach, and we watched the Sun set. The sky looked like a painting. It was amazing,” said Kate excitedly.

15 She turned to Alex with a warm smile. “Didn’t we have fun, Alex?”

16 “We had a great time,” he agreed. Alex looked down at his little sister and discovered that he meant it.