**Read this:**

Beach on a sunny day.

The blazing sun beats down on the smooth, weathered rocks of the cliff side. The crisp seaweed pushed onto the rocks by the waves, lay baking at the sea's edge, occasionally moving with the tide. The clear blue sea's waves rattle the tiny pebbles embedded in the golden sand. The foam from the waves cover a small child's forgotten sandcastle, bringing it down with a dull crash. The clinking of glasses at the bar and the low hum of conversation mingle in with the loud seagull's squawking. The swooping of the gulls to capture food littered across the sand scare a couple of people into dropping their [ice creams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_cream) and hotdogs. The gulls, happy with their find, soar above the crowd, and land in the sea to enjoy their lunch. *Shoals of colourful fish dart around beneath them, frightened by the intrusion. They swim off to the boats and ships bobbing on the horizon, where the sea and the sky merge into one clear sheet of blue.*

1. What do you think?
2. This person was told to use their senses – what bits are linked to the senses?
3. Write out the correct form of two verbs that are grammatically incorrect in sentence 2 and 4
4. Look at sentence one. Remove two/three words to make it stronger.
5. In sentence two there is a word that seems wrong. Can you say which one and why it does not fit? How can you make this sentence better?
6. Is there anything puzzling about sentence three?
7. Sentence three is a bit heavy on adjectives.If you eliminated some words could you make it a good sentence?
8. 7. What do you think of the author’s attempt to use the senses in the fourth sentence.
9. The last part of the piece in italics is an example of a shifting point of view – what do you think I mean by this? Hint – think of where you are being “positioned” to see what the writer sees. If you understand this, explain why this is awkward.
10. Has this happened elsewhere in this piece?
11. Are there any other things you like or dislike about this piece?
12. What have you learnt from doing this exercise?

Using some of the words from the brainstorm last week, write one ten line paragraph describing a beach experience, either

On a sunny day

On a rainy day

Early in the morning

Late afternoon

In summer /winter