

A Surprise at the Beach

Use the words, phrases and sentence openers in the box to write a short story.

The story is set at the beach. You and your friends find a cave in the cliffs. Inside is a big shadow that you are afraid of but it turns out to be a little mouse. You go home before the tide comes in.

It is a good idea to colour code the words and phrases before you start, deciding which sentences will be in the introduction, build-up, problem, resolution and ending.

In the distance...

nervously

Deep inside the cave...

dark, creepy shadow

beautiful, bright sunshine

crept

the tide was drawing in quickly

we giggled at each other

terrifying

When we arrived at the beach we...

brightly

gentle, lapping waves

We hid quietly in...

we were very afraid

huge

After a nice day we went...

a tiny mouse

happily