

At the Beach

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20 sun generously shares its steady heat. Bright blue and
30 foamy waves crash upon the land and try quickly to
36 catch those walking with bare feet.

47 Far out on the water float colourful boats that bob this
59 way and that at the whim of the sea. Tourists lie lazily
70 on towels or their floats. Thoughts of work are gone as
75 they relax and feel free.

85 The skies are quite congested by kites and birds, flapping
94 and soaring with and against the strong breeze. The
105 loud sounds of children drown out most soft words as all
113 enjoy the peace and feel their worries ease.



Quick Questions



1. Write down one example of personification from the poem.



2. Who is lying lazily on towels or floats?



3. **The skies are quite congested by kites and birds...**
What does the word 'congested' mean in this verse?



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Answers



1. Write down one example of personification from the poem.

Accept any of the following: the sun generously shares its steady heat; waves try quickly to catch those walking with bare feet; the whim of the sea.



2. Who is lying lazily on towels or floats?

The tourists are lying lazily on towels or floats.



3. **The skies are quite congested by kites and birds...**

What does the word 'congested' mean in this verse?

In this verse, congested means that the skies are crowded with birds and kites.



4. Summarise what is happening in the poem in 25 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Children are playing in the sand and talking while adults lie on towels and floats. People are flying kites, relaxing and walking on the sand.