

Candy Land

It was a rainy, gray Saturday morning. I was bored. All of my friends were out of town, and I had nothing to do. My two little sisters, Allison and Brooke, were playing in the next room. I decided to see what they were doing. I walked into the room that they shared, and saw a Candy Land board on the ground. They were **finished** playing with it, so I **stooped** down to pick it up and put it away. As soon as my hand touched it, Whoosh!

I was whizzing down a red licorice slide. I was moving so quickly that everything was a giant blur. Plop! I landed on what appeared to be a **deserted** beach. I put my hand down to help myself get up. I **marveled** at the strange feel of the sand. I sifted the sand through my fingers, trying to decide how it was different than regular sand. It felt more like powdered sugar than sand. Wait a minute! I **tentatively** placed a finger in my mouth. It WAS powdered sugar. I licked my fingers clean, and stood up to go and explore. I certainly wasn't bored any more!

I walked towards the **shimmering** water. I noticed many seashells along the water's edge. I had a huge collection of shells at home from our last **excursion** to the beach, and I quickly decided to bring home a few shells from this **unique** beach. The shells were very colorful. Some were **partially** covered with the powdered sugar sand. I **bowed** down to pick one up. It was stickier than I expected. I hesitated for a moment, but then my curiosity overcame me. I had to find out if it was as tasty as the sand! I nibbled at the edge of the shell.

It was even better than the sand. The taste of chocolate was so wonderful that I shoved the whole shell into my mouth. I suddenly realized that I was **ravenous**. I quickly bent down and shoveled shells into my mouth until I wasn't quite so hungry. Then I slowed down and began to **savor** the tastes. The shells were many different flavors. I definitely tasted vanilla, chocolate, caramel, and even strawberry.

After a while, I realized that I was **parched**. I hadn't had anything to drink since my orange juice that morning. I looked longingly towards the ocean. I knew that drinking salty water would only make me thirstier. Then a wonderful thought occurred to me! If the sand was sugar, and the shells were candy, then perhaps the water wasn't salty.

I walked to the water's edge. I bent down and cupped my hands together. I **submerged** my hands into the light blue liquid. I slowly brought my hands towards my mouth and took a little sip. It was definitely not salty! In fact...it tasted just like blueberry juice. I drank several gulps, and then I sat back down again in the sugar to think about my strange day.

I was beginning to wonder how I had arrived in this **bizarre** place. It certainly was unusual. The last thing that I remembered doing at home was picking up the Candy Land game. That was it! It suddenly made sense. I had somehow ended up in a real candy land.

It occurred to me that I was going to have to figure out how to get home. I knew that I was going to eventually miss my family, and even get hungry for some **nourishment** other than candy. I stood up and began walking. I remembered sliding down a licorice slide. I saw a playground in the distance. I began **rapidly** running toward the red slide.

I immediately tried to climb back up the slide to see if it would take me home. The only place it took me was to the top of the slide. I slid back down the slide and began looking **in earnest** for some way to get home. I looked up and down the beach for signs, but I didn't see any. I sat down **disconsolately** on a taffy towel that I found in the sand, and began to cry. My tears landed on the sand, and Swoooooosh! I felt the world start to swirl, and I fell through the hole that my tears had **created**.

I woke up, and I was lying on my bed. I looked around. "What a realistic dream", I thought. "It was almost like it really happened." I got out of bed and looked down. There was a pile of sugar on top of the sheets.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

1. Do you think the person in this story really went to Candy Land? Why or why not? _____

2. How do you think the person in this story felt in Candy Land? Explain.

3. What did the shells taste like? Did the person in the story like the shells? _____

4. What do you think would happen if a real beach were made out of these things? _____

5. Use your imagination. This story has sugar for sand, blueberry juice for water, candy for shells, and taffy for towels. What tasty treats could have been:

Fish: _____

Rafts: _____

Surfboards: _____

Beach umbrellas: _____

PARTS OF SPEECH

Write the part of speech for the underlined words: **Verb, Noun, Adverb,** or **Adjective**

1. I stooped down to pick it up. _____
2. I tentatively placed a finger in my mouth. _____
3. I landed on a deserted beach. _____
4. I had a huge collection of shells at home from our last excursion to the beach. _____
5. Some were partially covered with the sand. _____
6. Then I slowed down and began to savor the tastes. _____
7. I wondered how I had arrived in this bizarre place. _____
8. I submerged my hands into the light blue liquid. _____
9. I was getting hungry for some nourishment. _____
10. I sat down disconsolately on a taffy towel. _____

SYNONYMS

Find the **bold** words in the story. Decide which of the choices is the best synonym for the vocabulary word, and circle the letter next to it.

1. stooped

A. bent

B. fell

C. picked

D. stopped

2. deserted

A. delicious

B. abandoned

C. full

D. quiet

3. tentatively

A. quickly

B. eagerly

C. camped

D. hesitantly

4. ravenous

A. messy

B. starving

C. full

D. quick

5. savor

A. save

B. enjoy

C. hate

D. laugh

6. rapidly

A. quickly

B. racing

C. skipping

D. slowly

7. created

A. creature

B. finished

C. crater

D. made

PLOT

Think about what you consider to be the six most important parts of the story. Draw pictures and write a sentence to describe what is happening.

GUIDE WORDS

Circle the guide words that you would use to find the correct page in the dictionary for these vocabulary words.

1. Bizarre
 - A. blind-block
 - B. biopsy-bison
 - C. bit-blab
 - D. bizonal-black

2. Nourishment
 - A. nonsense- northeast
 - B. nothing-novel
 - C. nuance-nucleus
 - D. nose-nothing

3. Marveled
 - A. marry-martial
 - B. miss-mitten
 - C. maple-march
 - D. martyr-mask

4. Shimmering
 - A. shine-ship
 - B. sheet-shin
 - C. slip-slope
 - D. shock-shrivel

5. Deserted
 - A. desegregate-desk
 - B. despise-destructive
 - C. day-dead
 - D. dessert-determine

Vocabulary Sentences

Choose 10 of the **bold** words in the story. Write a sentence for each of the words that you choose.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Answer Sheet

Questions

1. Opinion-should include reason why they believe what they say.
2. Opinion-with valid reason
3. Chocolate, caramel, strawberry, and vanilla. Yes, the narrator liked the shells (“It was even better than the sand. The taste of chocolate was so wonderful that I shoved the whole shell into my mouth”)
4. Answer could include that the sugar-sand would dissolve. It could also include any creative answer.
5. Answers will vary

Parts of Speech

1. Verb
2. Adverb
3. Adjective
4. Noun
5. Adverb
6. Verb
7. Adjective
8. Verb
9. Noun
10. Adverb

Synonyms

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. B
6. A
7. D

Guide Words

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. A