

Voices by the Waves

Mark pauses, stress, and voice changes for an expressive reading.

5.F.F.1.c “Read a wide range of grade-level texts aloud with accurate and automatic prosody (phrasing, expression, juncture/pause, and intonation) to aid comprehension.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read aloud, draw a slash at one natural phrase break in each paragraph, underline one word in each paragraph that deserves stress, and circle the two question marks with an up or down arrow to show your ending pitch so a listener can follow the ideas.

Night Watch on the Beach

- ① At dusk, a turtle-watch group stood far from the wet sand on a Florida beach. A biologist explained that hatchlings use the bright, open horizon over the ocean as one cue for moving seaward. Artificial lights near homes can confuse them. “Will the hatchlings reach the water?” Maya whispered. The group turned off its flashlights and waited quietly.
- ② Then the sand began to stir. Tiny loggerhead hatchlings pushed upward, one after another, and headed toward the surf. Maya wanted to clap, but the biologist raised a hand. Loud sounds were not the danger, she said, but people standing too close could block the turtles' path. Everyone stepped back, leaving a clear strip of sand.
- ③ After several minutes, the last turtle slipped into the waves. Maya exhaled and smiled. The beach still looked dark behind the group, while the open water reflected faint light from the sky. “Why must we stay back?” Maya asked. The biologist pointed to the small tracks. “These animals need space to travel safely,” she replied.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Read the opening sentence. After which word should you make the brief pause shown by the comma?

- 2 In paragraph 2, which word should you stress most to show what could block the turtles' path?

- 3 When you read Maya's question, "Why must we stay back?", should your voice rise or fall at the end?

- 4 What expression fits the sentence "Maya exhaled and smiled"? Name the feeling and the two words that show it.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two original lines a beach guide could say: one statement with a comma and one yes-or-no question. In each line, draw a slash at a natural phrase break and underline one word to stress, then add an up arrow after the question.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

As you read aloud, draw a slash at one natural phrase break in each paragraph, underline one word in each paragraph that deserves stress, and circle the two question marks with an up or down arrow to show your ending pitch so a listener can follow the ideas. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Read the opening sentence. After which word should you make the brief pause shown by the comma?	dusk
2	In paragraph 2, which word should you stress most to show what could block the turtles' path?	people
3	When you read Maya's question, "Why must we stay back?", should your voice rise or fall at the end?	Fall.
4	What expression fits the sentence "Maya exhaled and smiled"? Name the feeling and the two words that show it.	A relieved, gentle expression; "exhaled" and "smiled."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Stay __quiet__, / and watch the shore. Before we move, / is the path __clear__? ↑

Accept natural phrase breaks and sensible stressed words that help the meaning. The yes-or-no question should have rising pitch, while the statement should sound clear and appropriately calm.