

Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer

Last spring, my family and I moved to California. Specifically, we moved from Columbus, Ohio, to San Diego, California. My mother got a teaching position at a college in San Diego. My father is an engineer and he said he could get work in his same company, just in California instead of Ohio.

At first, my two sisters and I were very unhappy about moving. All of our friends and family were in Ohio. We had all spent our entire lives there. My mom promised us that we would love California though. She said it was always sunny outside and that our house was just two blocks from the beach. My dad also told us that San Diego has the best zoo in the world and is pretty close to Disneyland. They could still tell that we were sad, though. Then they reminded us that we could stay in touch with our friends through email. My mom said we could visit them whenever we wanted. My dad said San Diego was so nice that most of them would probably rather visit us!



My sisters and I were still not sure but we helped out with the move.

1. Why did the family move to San Diego?

2. Why were the girls unhappy about the move at first?

3. How could the girls contact their friends?

4. The weather in California is usually bad. TRUE FALSE

5. The girl's new home is close to the beach. TRUE FALSE

2. Read about the move and complete the blanks with words from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

FAVOURITE INCLUDED	IMPORTANT PROFESSIONAL	LOOKING NOTHING	BORING ANYTHING	EVERYTHING WAY
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They packed up most of our furniture into a moving truck. We also put some of our clothes and other things in there. _____ movers drove it out to San Diego for us.



We put our most _____ things into the trunk of our red SUV. That _____ our photo albums, my grandmother's jewellery, and some of our _____ toys. Then we drove all the _____ west.

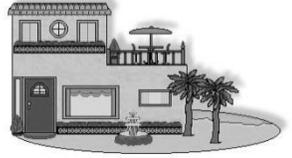
The first thousand miles were very _____. Between Ohio and Colorado, the world is flat. _____ was interesting at all. In Colorado and Utah, there were beautiful mountains though. We went up and down, up and down, up and down. In Nevada, _____ was brown and yellow. I was _____ at a desert for the _____ time, so at least Nevada was more interesting than Nebraska and Iowa.

Finally, after ten days on the road, we made it to San Diego.

3. Go on reading and complete with ONE word from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

BECAUSE	MOST	SINCE	WHEN	SO	ALLOWED	USED
	ALTHOUGH	AND	BOTH	FOR		

We arrived in San Diego in September, so we have been in San Diego _____ three months now. The house we have is nice. You can see the ocean from the upstairs bedrooms and we have a big garden. That's great _____ it really is warm out all the time. It hasn't rained _____ last January! It's just sunny all the time.



My parents are really happy here. _____ of them like their new jobs very much. My mother especially, _____ to have lots of problems with her students in the other school. They were _____ to do anything they wanted _____ they misbehaved most of the time.

In my new school things are different. The _____ unusual thing about life in San Diego is that my school is outdoors. The classrooms are indoors, _____ we have to go outside to get to our lockers. I thought schools like that only existed on TV! _____ I still miss our old house in Columbus, San Diego is nice too.

4. Choose the right verb.

It's Saturday morning and Jill and Megan are very excited. Almost every weekend, they **HAD / HAVE** lunch together on the beach two blocks away from their street. However, this weekend **IS / WAS** special. It is the first time the girls **ARE GOING TO / WERE GOING TO** pack their own lunches and go to the beach by themselves. They **HAVE NEVER BEEN / ARE NEVER** on the beach alone.



Megan's mother **ALREADY WENT / HAS ALREADY GONE** to the supermarket to buy lots of lunch ingredients for the girls. She is very happy because she **GOES / USED TO GO** to the beach with her friends when she **WAS / IS** young and she loved it.

Jill's mother said that she **IS / WAS** a little worried, but Megan's mother told her that everything **WOULD BE / WILL BE** all right. She said, "If the girls **ARE / WERE** younger, I wouldn't agree. But they are old enough. Don't worry."

5. Dialogue

It's Monday and Jill and Megan are at school talking to some friends. Complete the conversation with the bubbles. Be careful! There's an extra bubble.

When can she call her	Didn't we	Would you like to come
Have you ever gone out	Don't we	What did you do

Jill: We had a really good time on Saturday, _____ ?

Megan: Oh yes, it was really great.

Annie: Why, girls? _____ ?

Jill: We went to the beach by ourselves! _____ without your parents?

Annie: No, never.

Jill: _____ with us next weekend?

Annie: I'd love to! But I'm not sure my mother will let me. She thinks it's too dangerous.

Jill: I can ask my mother to talk to yours. I'm sure she will convince her it's all right.

Annie: That would be great. _____ ?



Jill: I'll tell her to call your mother tonight.

6. Composition - Choose ONE of the following:

- ♣ My first outing with friends OR ♣ Moving to another city