

GRADE 6

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-  **Read the passage “The Message in the Bottle” carefully. Then answer the following questions based on your understanding of the text. Use evidence from the text when required.**

The Message in the Bottle

It was early morning, and the ocean breeze danced across Maya's face as she strolled along the beach. Her family had rented a small cottage by the shore for summer break, and Maya loved exploring the coast in the quiet hours. The sand was damp and cool beneath her feet, and the only sounds were the distant cries of seagulls and the rhythmic crash of waves.

As she walked past a cluster of rocks, her foot struck something hard. Curious, she knelt down and brushed away the sand to reveal an old glass bottle. It was sealed with a cork and covered in seaweed. Inside, tightly rolled and sealed with red wax, was a piece of paper. Her fingers trembled slightly as she opened the bottle and removed the note.

She unrolled the delicate paper and read: "Help. Stranded. Rock Cove. Bring water."

Her heart pounded. Was this some kind of joke? A leftover prop from a beach game? Or had someone really been stranded? She looked around – there was no one in sight. The beach was empty, and the sun had barely begun to rise.

Maya glanced toward the horizon, where jagged cliffs marked the edge of the beach. She had heard of Rock Cove before. It was an area just beyond the rocks, accessible only at low tide. Locals often warned about the rising water trapping people there.

"If this is real," Maya whispered, "someone could be in serious trouble."

Without hesitating, she grabbed her phone and filled a bottle with water from the cooler back at the cottage. Then she started toward the cliffs.

Part A: Multiple Choice

 **Choose and circle the correct answer.**

Q1: What is the setting of the story?

- A. A mountain cabin in winter
- B. A beach during summer vacation
- C. A city apartment
- D. A school playground

Q2: What is Maya doing when the story begins?

- A. Looking for her lost phone
- B. Playing in the waves
- C. Exploring the beach alone
- D. Climbing cliffs

Q3: What does Maya find buried in the sand?

- A. A treasure chest
- B. A message in a bottle
- C. A lost phone
- D. A seashell collection

Q4: What is the message in the bottle asking for?

- A. She used a wheelchair and stayed inside.
- B. Her mother found a special cure.
- C. She took medicine and stayed in bed.
- D. Her family helped her exercise and took her to therapy.

Q5: Which detail suggests the situation might be dangerous?

- A.** Maya is alone on the beach
- B.** The paper is sealed with wax
- C.** Rock Cove is only reachable at low tide
- D.** The bottle is covered in seaweed

Part B: Short Answer

 **Answer in 1–2 complete sentences.**

Q6: What clues suggest Maya takes the message seriously?

Q7: Why is the setting important to the story?

Q8: What do we learn about Maya's character through her actions?

Part C – Vocabulary & Structure

Q9: Which phrase best describes the mood at the beginning of the story?

- A.** Busy and crowded
- B.** Quiet and peaceful
- C.** Frightening and dark
- D.** Rainy and stormy

Q10: What is the purpose of describing the sounds and sensations Maya experiences on the beach?

- A.** To show she is lost
- B.** To make the setting feel real
- C.** To warn the reader
- D.** To explain the plot twist

Part D – Extended Response

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Support your answer with at least two details from the passage.



✓ Right Answers

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Example: She quickly grabs water and heads toward the cliffs without hesitation.

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Example: The beach setting allows Maya to discover the bottle and creates a sense of isolation and urgency.

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Example: Maya is curious, brave, and willing to help others even when unsure of the situation.

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Example: Yes, she acted quickly in case someone was really in danger.

The note asked for help and Rock Cove was known to trap people at high tide.