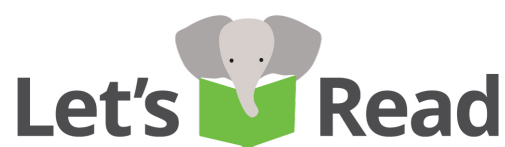


Why Is It So Hot Today?

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What a hot day! Tapir's furry friends stretched out on the tree branches to get some cool air.
But the kangaroos started to fight.
They were thirsty and their pond was almost dry.

“My front is hot! My back is hot! And my head is very hot!” yelled Tapir.

He wondered, “Is there anywhere cool I can
escape to? Where there’s refreshing water
and shade?”

Tapir checked the map.
Not too far
away were some hot springs. “Oh no! That’s
going to be too hot!”
Over there was
a waterfall. “Oh no! That’s just too far.”<br /
>That way was a beach with clear, blue water.
“Oh no! It’s so far that I’ll never make it.”<br /
>Just then, Frog passed by on a boat.
“
Let’s go swimming together!” Frog yelled.

Tapir jumped on the boat, and it started moving fast. Everyone enjoyed the nice sea breeze on their faces!
Next, they passed by Pakhaoma village, where lively music filled the air.
It was afternoon now, but everyone was still very hot!
Tapir daydreamed that he was swimming in the sea with a school of fish.
“How delightful that would be!”

Finally, they arrived at the beach. Ready, set,
go!
But where did all the water go?

Uncle Turtle strolled by slowly and told the young ones, "Wait a little while. When the time is right, the water will come back."
So, they slowed down and explored, enjoying the gentle sea breeze as it blew.

The friends spotted a crab digging a hole. “
That’s Mr. Hermit Crab’s home!” exclaimed
Tapir.
“Here’s a tiny starfish,” said Uncle
Turtle.
“I found some pretty shells!”
declared Frog.
Wow, exploring the beach
was so much fun!

The water gently rippled and bubbled on the shores of the beach.
Meanwhile, the setting sun painted the mountains pink.
Everyone was wet and shivering in the cool breeze now.
All the animals went from being terribly hot to terribly cold.
All in one day!

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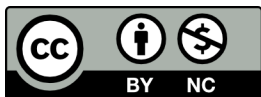
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