

**Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**

### Beach Party

Deb shook the crumbs off her beach towel and started off across the sandy beach to the lake. A strong wind was blowing, and the sun had disappeared behind black clouds. *Very exciting weather*, Deb thought.

“Where do you think you’re going?” asked her mother, who was busy filling a beach bag. “That storm is coming in fast.”

“Oh, Mom,” said Deb. “Let’s just stay till it starts to rain.”

“No way,” said her mother. “This is a dangerous place to be in a storm. Don’t you know that lightning is attracted to water?”

Reluctantly Deb turned back. Quickly they finished packing and then carried everything to the car. Suddenly a flash of lightning lit up the sky, followed immediately by a crash of thunder. Rain began to fall in big fat drops that came faster and faster.

“Just in time,” said Deb.

