

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	15
to the lake. A strong wind was blowing, and the sun had disappeared behind black	30
clouds. <i>Very exciting weather</i> , Deb thought.	36
“Where do you think you’re going?” asked her mother, who was busy filling a	50
beach bag. “That storm is coming in fast.”	58
“Oh, Mom,” said Deb. “Let’s just stay till it starts to rain.”	70
“No way,” said her mother. “This is a dangerous place to be in a storm. Don’t	86
you know that lightning is attracted to water?”	94
Reluctantly Deb turned back. Quickly they finished packing and then carried	105
everything to the car. Suddenly a flash of lightning lit up the sky, followed	119
immediately by a crash of thunder. Rain began to fall in big fat drops that came	135
faster and faster.	138
“Just in time,” said Deb.	143

