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Summer Holiday Vocabulary

Seaside

Beach - Supporting closed hand (palm down, pointing in); working flat hand (palm down, pointing forward) moves out along supporting forearm with wavy motion.

Sea - Working open hand (palm down, pointing forward), arm moves out in smooth wavy movement.

Sand - Bunched hands (palms back, pointing down) move up as thumbs rub against fingertips.

Rock pool-“Rock” Working closed hand (palm down, pointing in) moves down to rest on supporting closed hand (palm down, pointing in); then working flat hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes rippling inward circle in front of body to sign “pool”.

Waves - Working closed hand (palm down, pointing forward) moves down slightly, then rises changing to open hand (palm back/down, pointing forward/down). **Repeat. May be signed with two hands.**

Seaweed- Sign “sea” Working open hand (palm down, pointing forward), arm moves out in smooth wavy movement; then working bunched hand (palm back, pointing up) twists up from behind supporting flat hand (palm back, pointing in) to sign “plant”.

Shell - Working, loosely clawed hand (palm in, pointing up) shakes slightly over ear.

Lighthouse- Supporting bent hand (palm in, pointing up); working full “O” hand (palm forward, pointing up) above springs to open hand (palm forward, pointing up). **Working hand may face in various directions.**

Boat - Flat hands (palms in/back, pointing forward/in) with fingertips touching; formation moves forward.

Creatures

Crab - Closed pinched hands (palms in, pointing forward), fingers and thumbs open and close while hands formation moves towards supporting side.

Dolphin- Working cupped hand (palm down, pointing in) makes undulating arcs, bending at wrist, across in front of body.

Fish - Working flat hand (palm in, pointing forward) wriggles forwards like a fish swimming.

Seagull- Sign "sea" Working open hand (palm down, pointing forward), arm moves out in smooth wavy movement; then working pinched hand (palm forward, pointing up) by side of mouth, opens and closes.

Jellyfish-Supporting bunched hand (palm down, pointing forward); working hand (palm back/down, pointing forward/down) held loosely beneath, fingers dangle fluttering.

Starfish-Fingerspell "S"; then working open hand (palm down, pointing forward) moves forwards with fingers wriggling.

Sea Lion-Bent hands, back to back, pointing down at waist level, straighten and bend several times while backs of hands remain in contact.

Wasp - Working index hand jabs at back of supporting hand twice.

Bee - Working loosely bunched hand (palm forward, pointing up) fingers wriggling.

Sting - Working index (palm back, pointing down) strikes supporting flat

hand (palm down, pointing in) and springs away changing to open hand (palm back, pointing in).

Bucket - Working loosely closed hand (palm forward, pointing in) traces shape of bucket handle.

Spade - Working flat hand (palm forward, pointing down) moves firmly forward/down and then turns to palm back/down, pointing forward/down.

Sand Castle- Sign "sand" Bunched hands (palms back, pointing down) move up as thumbs rub against fingertips; then "N" hands (palms in, pointing up) move up/together as fingers flex several times.

Camera - Supporting full "C" hand (palm in, pointing up) in front of face; working "C" hand (palm in, pointing up) in front of face, hands a little apart; working index closes onto thumb.

Photo - Working parallel flat hand (palm forward, pointing up) moves back sharply while fingers close on to thumb.

Sun Glasses-Sign "sun" Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head; then index hands (palms back, pointing up) circle inwards around eyes once.

Sandals - Supporting flat hand (palms down, pointing forward); tips of working open pinched hand pull across back of supporting hand twice to show straps.

Sun Hat-Bunched hands mime pulling hat on to head. **May be preceded by "sun"** Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head.

Swimsuit- Flat hands (palms back, pointing in) brush up body. **May be preceded by "swim" if necessary;** Palms together, pointing forward, mime swimming action.

Swim - Palms together, pointing forward, mime swimming action.

Towel - Working flat hand (palm back, pointing in) behind supporting flat hand (palm back, pointing in) moves over and down in front of supporting hand.

Armbands-Working full "C" hand outlines armband on arm; repeat with supporting hand. **Directional sign, could be followed by inflate.**

Inflate - Bunched hands (palms in, pointing up) around the mouth, move slowly apart changing to full "C" hands (palms in, pointing up).

Flippers - Flat hands (palms down, pointing forward) slowly flap up and down alternately.

Fishing net-Working tucked hand (palm in, pointing forward) mimes holding handle; then working open hand (palm forward, pointing up) moves down behind supporting open hand (palm back, pointing in); working hand turns to palm back, pointing in and brushes along supporting hand to fingertips to sign "net".

Goggles - "O" hands (palms in, pointing up) are held in front of eyes.

Deck chair- Flat hands (palms up, pointing forward); working hand arcs over onto supporting hand turning to palm down; then closed hands (palms down, pointing forward) move down slightly with emphasis.

Suntan Lotion- Sign "sun" Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head; then working parallel bent hand (palm out, pointing forward), fingers and thumb close together above supporting cupped hand (palm up, pointing forward) to sign "lotion".

Suntan - Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head; then "brown" working flat hand (palm down, pointing in) makes a small circular movement on the back of supporting wrist.

Postcard - "C" hands (palms forward, pointing p) held side by side, move apart; then working hand with bunched thumb, middle and index fingers mime writing on palm of supporting flat hand.

Beach Ball- "as for ball" show appropriate size.

Airbed - Bunched hands (palms in, pointing up) around the mouth, move slowly apart changing to full "C" hands (palms in, pointing up); then working side of face rests on flat hands (palms together) to sign "bed".

Umbrella/Parasol- Working closed hand (palm in, pointing forward) rests on supporting fist (palm in, pointing forward); working hand moves up.

Pedalo - Closed hands (palms down, pointing forward) make alternate forward circles; the sign "boat" Flat hands (palms in/back, pointing forward/in) with fingertips touching; formation moves forward.

Foods

BBQ - Working bent hand (palm forward, pointing up) makes a short forward movement, bending slightly at wrist to sign "outside"; then working closed hand (palm up, pointing in) makes small backward and forward movements.

Café - "L" hands (palms forward, pointing up) together at head height, move out a short way; followed by "to eat"; Working bunched hand (palm back, pointing up) taps side of mouth twice.

Sandwich- Working flat hand (palm down, pointing in) above supporting flat hand (palm up, pointing in). Reverse positions to working hand (palm up) and supporting hand (palm down).

Hot Dog- Supporting cupped hand (palm up, pointing forward); working open pinched hand (palm down, pointing forward) moves out across palm of supporting hand to outline the sausage shape).

Fish & Chips- Working flat hand (palm in, pointing forward) wriggles forwards like a fish swimming, raise this sign to chin level for fish to eat; then Open pinched hands (palms in, pointing forward) hands move a little apart, indexes closing on to thumbs. Repeat.

Ice-cream-Working full "O" hand (palm in, pointing forward) moves to mouth; mime licking ice-cream.

Sweets - Working "R" hand (palm in, pointing up) makes small forward circles near mouth.

Ice cream Van- Working full "O" hand (palm in, pointing forward) moves to mouth, mime licking ice-cream; then finger spell "V" followed by "car" full "O" hands (palms in, pointing forward) mime steering.

Rock (stick)-Full "O" hands (palms in, pointing forward), working hand on top moves up turning to "R" hand to sign "sweets" Working "R" hand (palm in, pointing up) makes small forward circles near mouth.

Places to Stay

Caravan - Supporting "O" hand (palm in, pointing forward); working "R" hand (palm up, pointing in) links into supporting "O" formation moves towards working side.

Hotel - Flat hands (palms in, pointing up) against sides of head, move towards/down turning to palms down, pointing forward.

Tent - N hands (palms facing in and down, hands pointing in and up), rest against each other and move slightly forward.

Activities

Paddling pool-Flat hands (palms down, pointing forward) make very small up and down movements to sign "to paddle"; then sign "pool" working flat hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes rippling inward circle in front of body.

Swimming pool-Palms together, pointing forward, mime swimming action; then sign "place"; then working flat hand (palm down, pointing in) makes inward circle in front of the body.

Amusement Arcade-Working flat hand (palm back, pointing in) in front of neck, moves forward/up in forward circles to sign "fun"; then working flat hand (palm down, pointing in) makes inward circle in front of the body to sign "place"

Funfair - Fists (palms back, pointing in) working hand resting on supporting hand; formation makes inward circles in front of body.

Trampoline-Supporting flat hand (palm up, pointing forward/in); working "V" hand (palm back, pointing down) on supporting palm bounces up and down several times.

Action Vocabulary

To Lie Down-Working "V" hand (palm up, pointing in) rests on supporting hand (palm down, pointing in).

To Sunbathe-Sign "sun" Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head; then working "V" hand (palm up, pointing in) rests on supporting flat hand (palm down, pointing in).

To Build - Flat hands (palms down, pointing in) move upwards alternately.

Inflate - Bunched hands (palms in, pointing up) around the mouth, move slowly apart changing to full "C" hands (palms in, pointing up).

To Play - Flat hands at waist height (palms in/up, pointing forward/out) travel up while making two vertical outward circles.

Descriptive Vocabulary

Sunny - Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head.

Hot - Working flat hand (palm back, pointing in) moves across forehead to working side.

Warm - Working clawed hand (palm back, pointing in) makes several small inward circles in front of chin.

Dry - Working hand with thumb on flat supporting hand (palm up, pointing forward) and fingers beneath, pulls sideways off blade of supporting flat hand closing thumb and fingers.

Wet - Closed hands (palms down, pointing forward) mime wringing once.

Rain - Open hands (palms down, pointing forward) move down from head height with fingers fluttering.

Cloudy- Clawed hands (palms forward, pointing up) make alternate outward circles at head height.

Sunburn - Sign "sun" Working index hand (palm down, pointing forward) makes large outward circle by side of head; then working clawed hand (palm back, pointing in) moves sharply across chin from supporting side to working side; then moves to touch affected area.

Sore - Working flat hand (palm back, pointing down) shakes from wrist; then working index points to appropriate part of body. **Directional sign.**

