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At the Beach

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**SUPER
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SEE BACK FOR
DETAILS.

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Dear Parents,

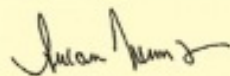
Children are naturally curious about the world around them, and curiosity is a powerful motivation for reading—and for success in school. Studies show that by understanding relationships among words, children quickly acquire new and interesting vocabulary. And the more they are able to talk about the world around them, the more they want to learn!

As you read with your child, be sure to point out the vocabulary tree. Discuss the categories of words and how they relate to one another. Then, explore the text together. Encourage your child to point out each of the vocabulary words as they appear in the text. You'll be surprised how fast your early reader identifies content-rich vocabulary.

To sustain children's excitement about reading, we have created a special program called **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS SUPER READERS**. As kids read each National Geographic Kids Reader, they cross off its picture on a free National Geographic Kids Super Readers poster that parents can download from kids.nationalgeographic.com/superreaders. Throughout the process, kids and parents go to the website and download specially designated prizes that reward their effort. Kids can have even more reading fun online, with lively book-related activities, quizzes and games, fascinating excerpts, and sneak previews of upcoming books.

The National Geographic Kids Super Readers program appeals to kids' love of accomplishment while providing them with incentives to keep reading. When the reading experience is fun, children learn more and achieve more. What could be better than that?

Sincerely,




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Vocabulary Tree

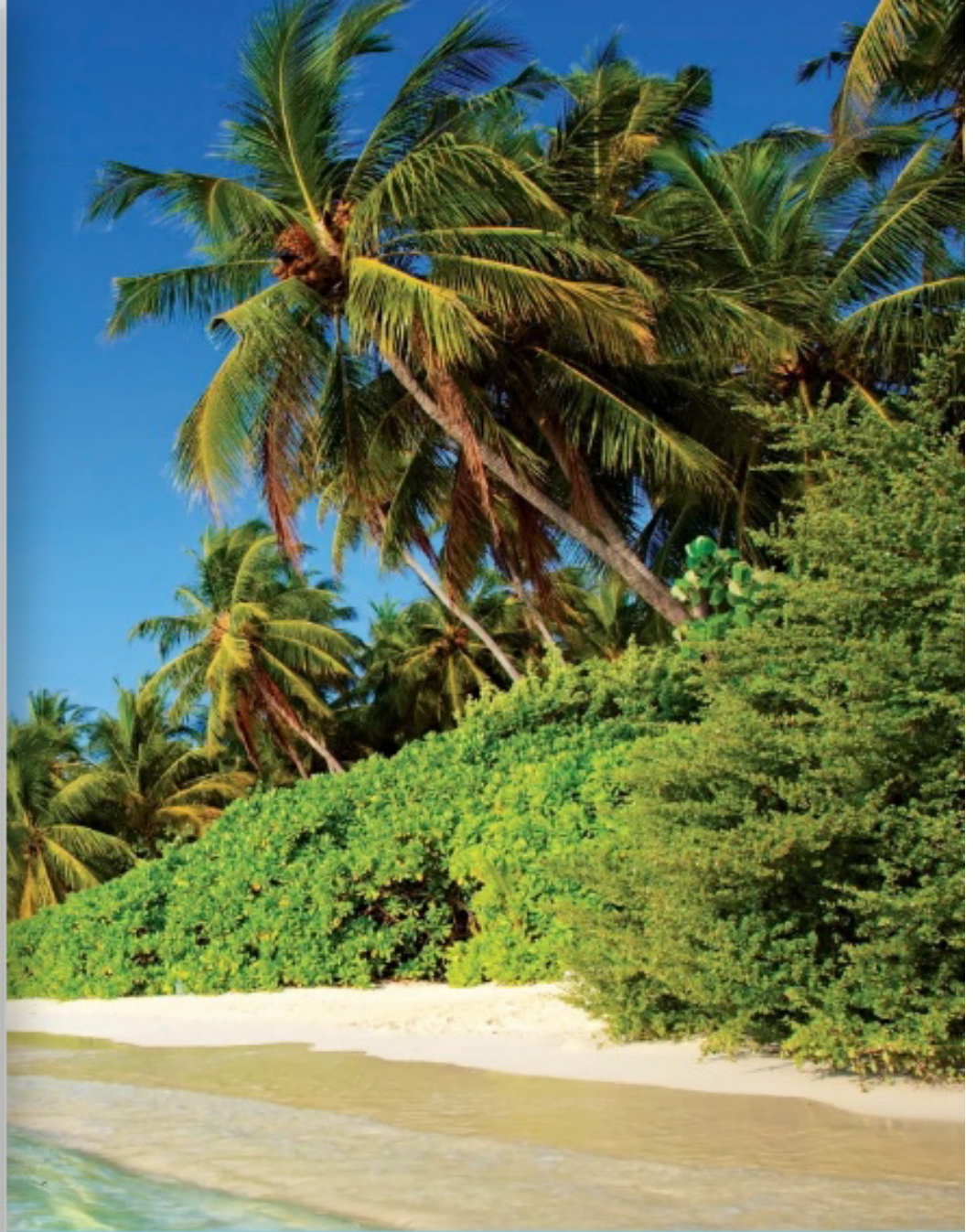
THE BEACH

THINGS AT THE BEACH

sand
crabs
shells
tide
tide pools
sea stars

HOW THE BEACH LOOKS

sandy
white
dark
rocky
smooth

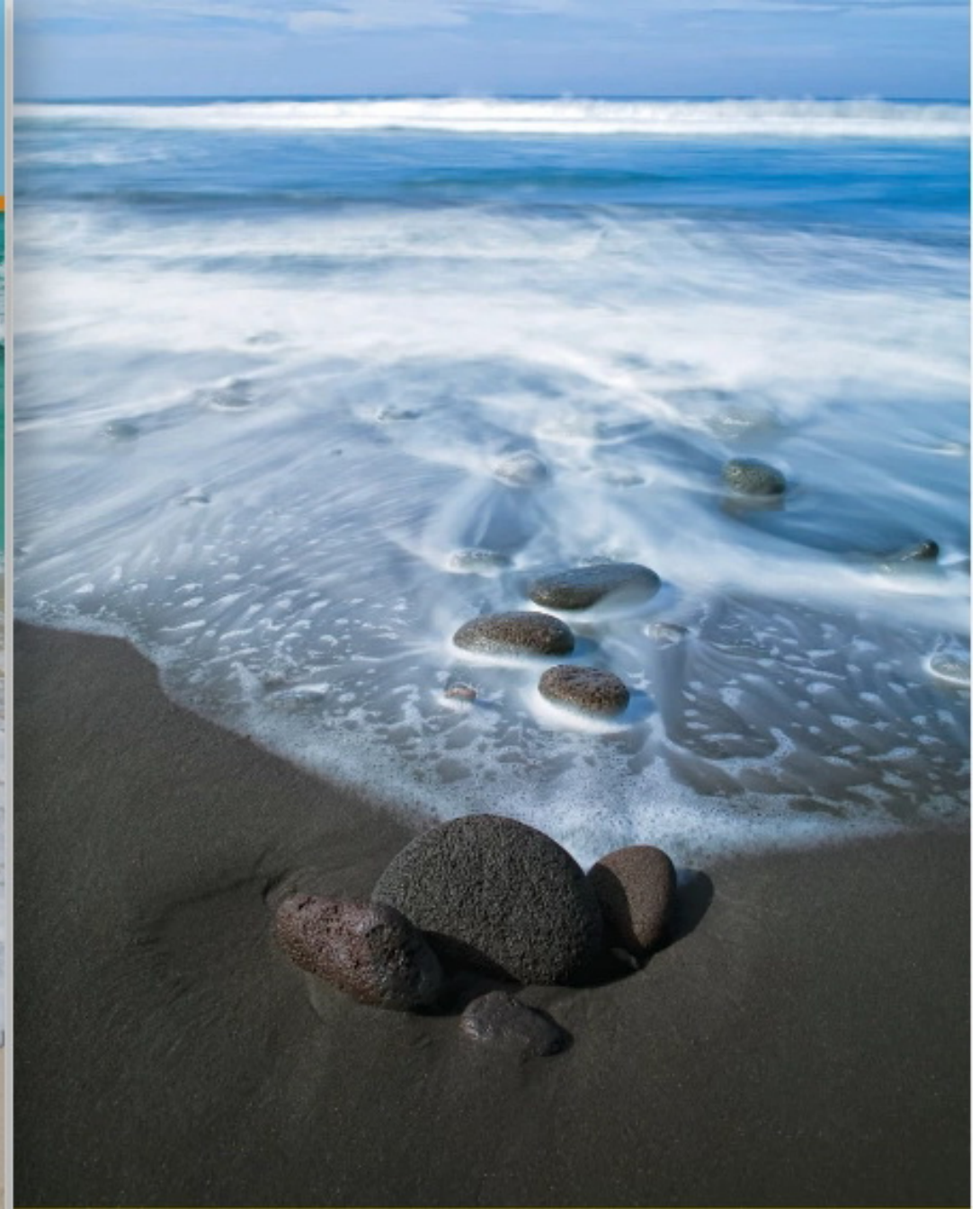


The beach is by the ocean.
It's sandy.

Some beaches have
white sand.



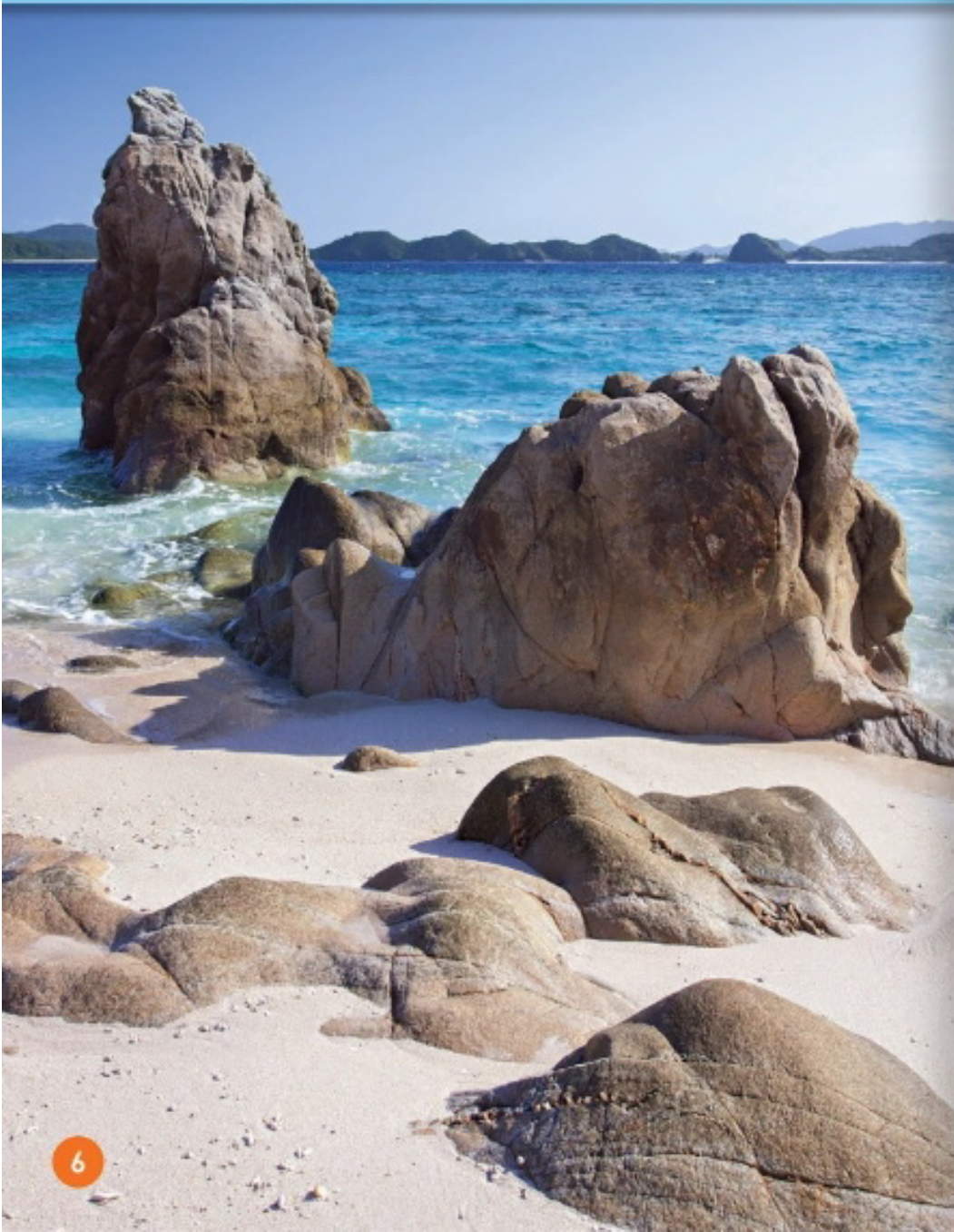
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Some beaches have
dark sand.

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Some beaches are rocky.

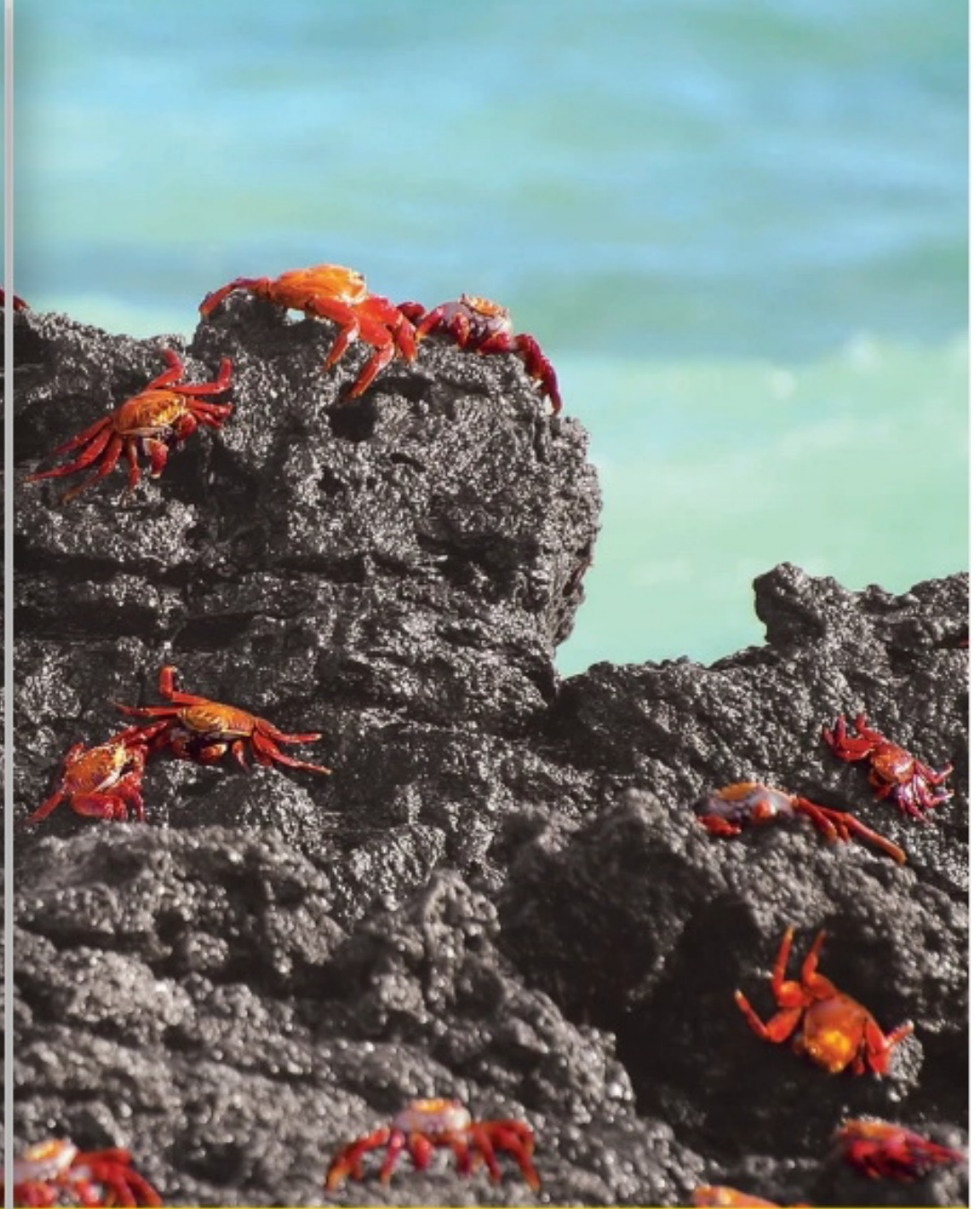


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Some beaches are smooth.

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Some beaches have big crabs.



Some beaches have
small crabs.

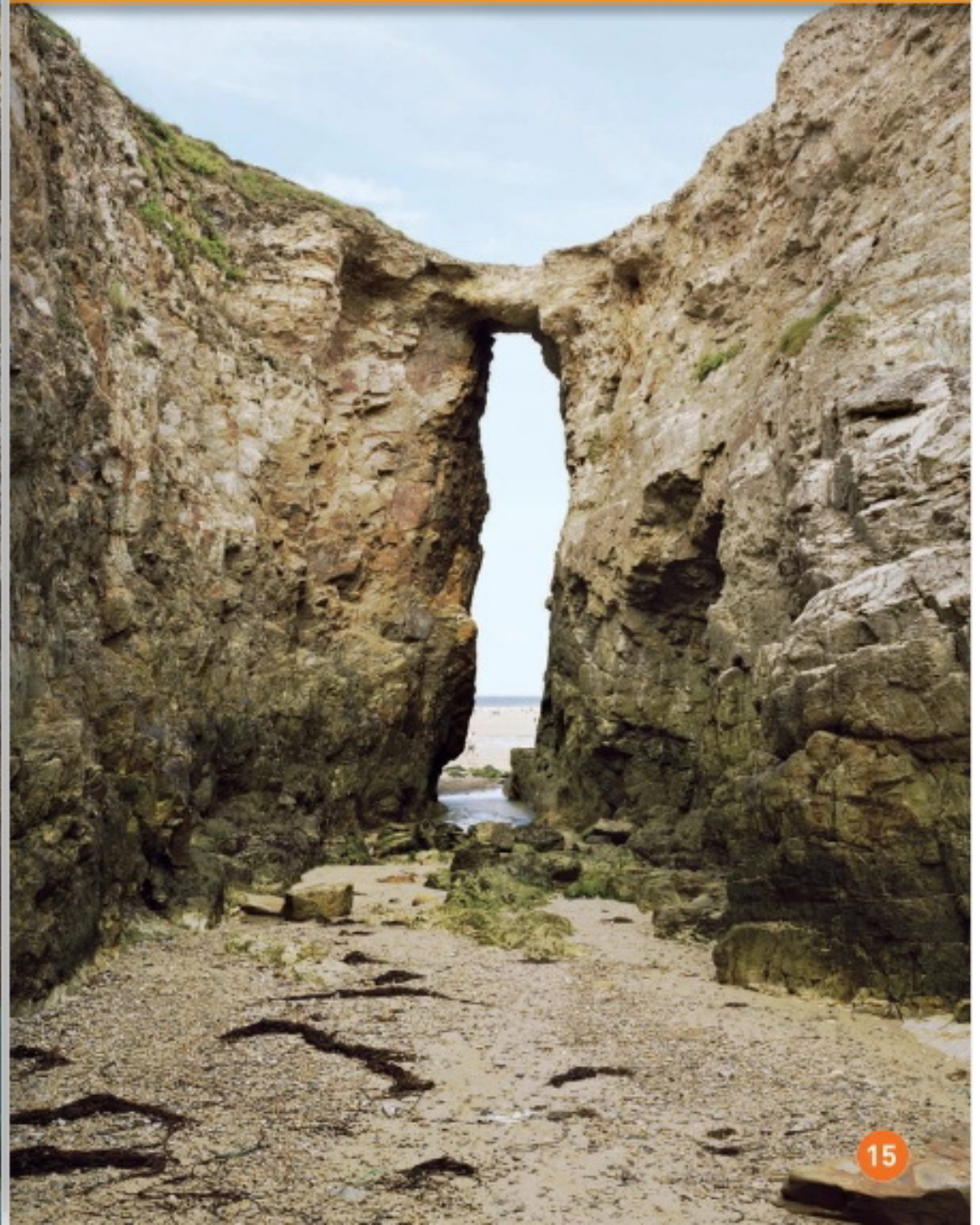




The beach keeps changing.
The tide can be high.



Or it can be low.





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When it's high tide,
there is a lot of water.



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When it's low tide,
there is less water.



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Some beaches have tide pools

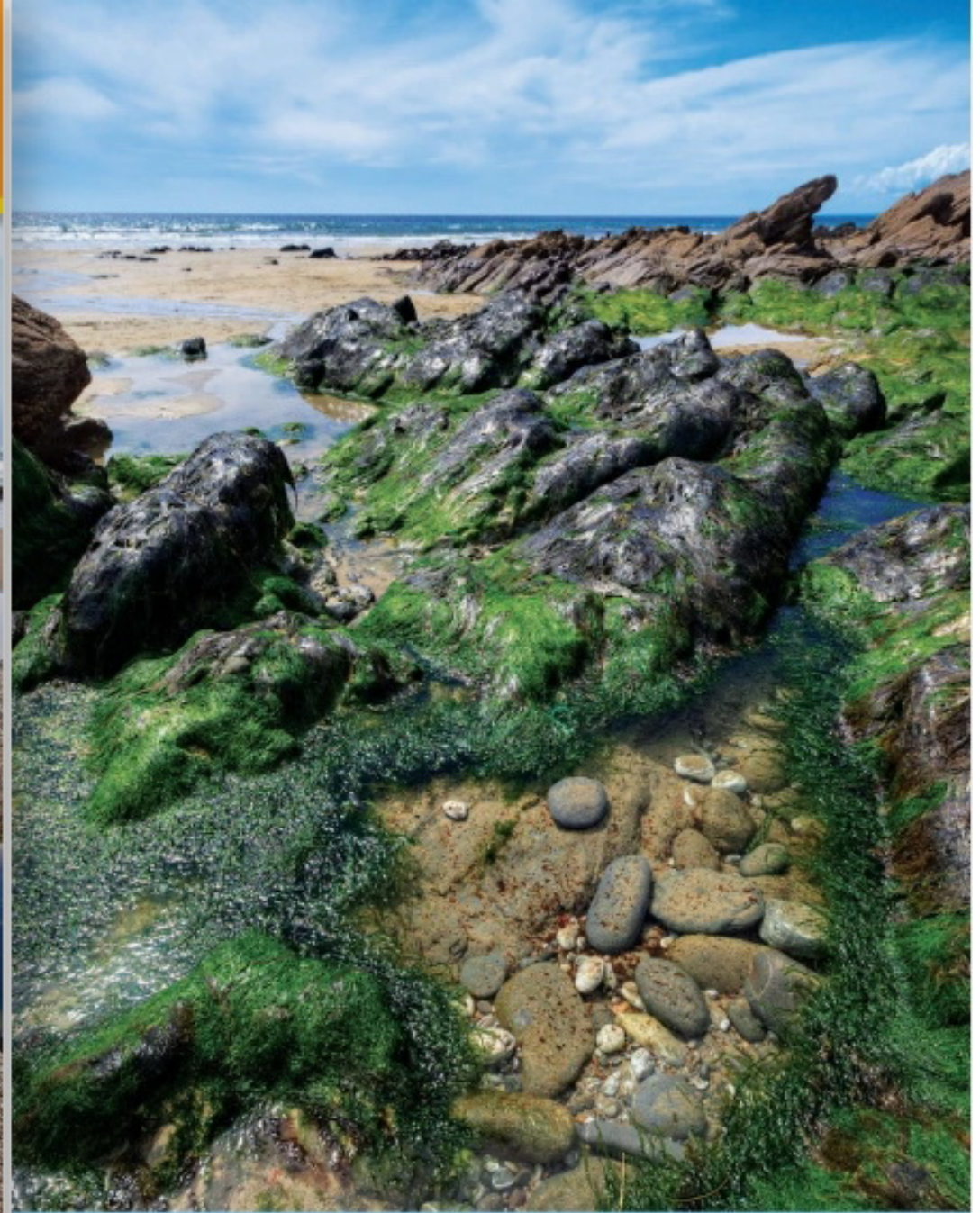


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when it's low tide.

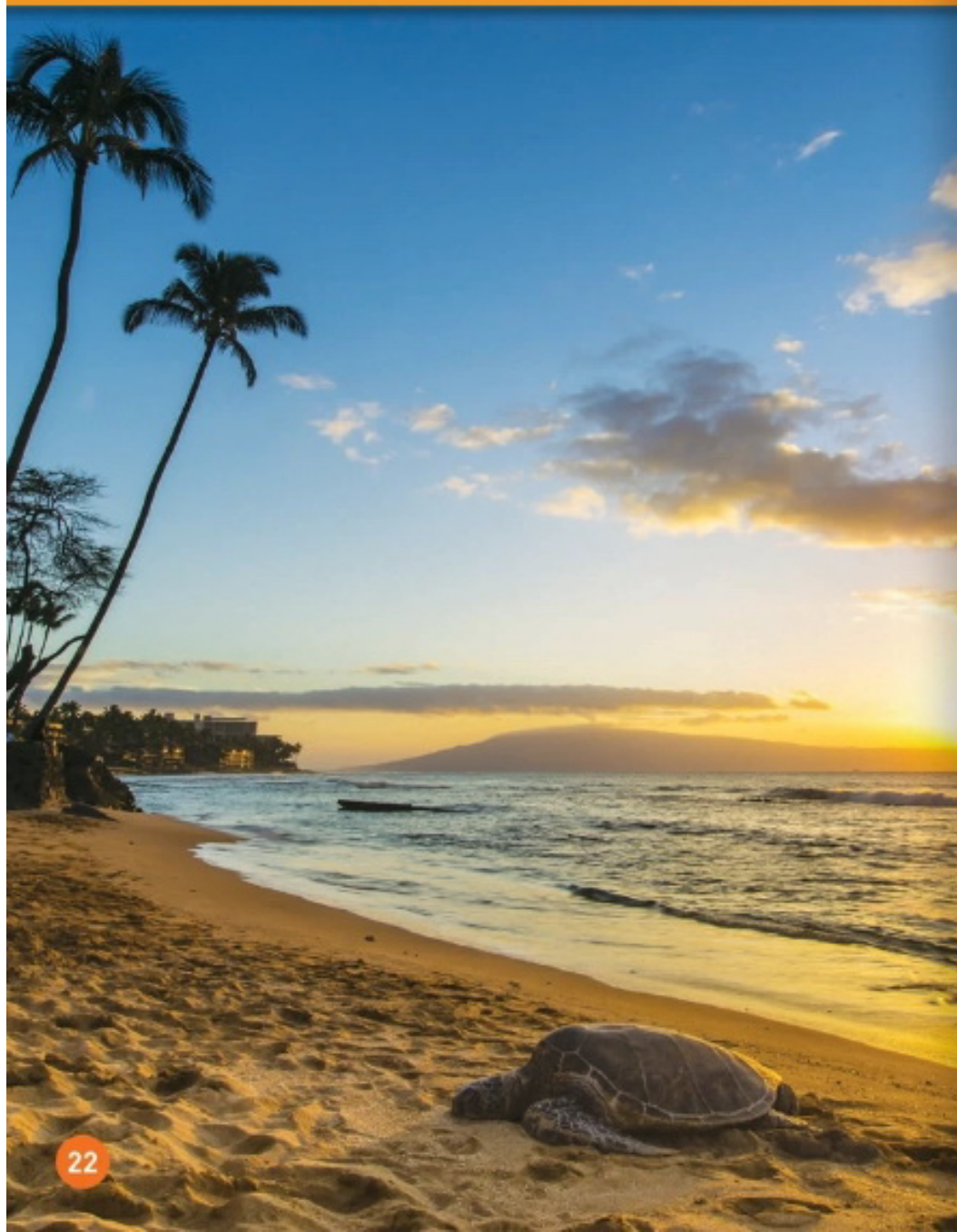


In a tide pool, you can see
sea stars



and seaweed.

Soon it will be high tide, and the beach will change again.



YOUR TURN!

Describe each beach.
Use the words below.



white sand

rocky

tide pool

smooth

dark sand



National Geographic Kids Readers

for curious kids at every reading level!



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