

Brittas Bay Beach Hunt

Answers

1. Find an umbrella shaped flower. What colour is it? *White*
2. How many wind turbines for making electricity can you see out at sea?
Seven
4. Can you spot any man-made dangers on the beach? *Litter, fences buried in the sand, broken bottles, rusty cans, etc*
9. Name two types of objects that are out at sea.
Boats Wind turbines Lighthouse
11. There are lots of different plants growing in the sand on the dunes. How do you think they manage to grow in the sand without water or soil? *They collect rain, store water in their leaves, get food from decaying plants, have long roots*
13. The *grass* growing in the sand does something very special. Can you figure out why it is special? *It sends out lots of roots that hold the sand together in a sand dune*
16. Seahorses live in the Irish Sea. Are they fish or animals? *Fish*
17. Name an animal, NOT a fish, that lives in the Irish Sea. *Seals, whales and dolphins*
18. Can you name an insect that stings? *ant, midge, bee, wasp*
19. Name a sea creature that is sometimes found in the water here that stings? *Jellyfish*
20. Find an animal's home.
22. What does the flag on the Life Guard's Hut mean? What colours is it? *Yellow and red -if it's safe to swim; red only if it's dangerous to swim*
26. What creatures do you think might live in the sand dunes? *Plants, butterflies, insects, small mice, rabbits, hares*

Water Snail

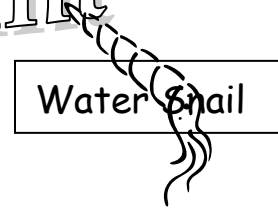
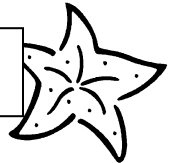
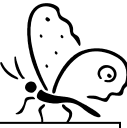
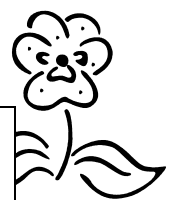
Butterfly

Star Fish

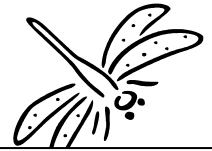
Crab

Jellyfish

Pansy or violet



28. Can you spot litter on the beach or in the dunes? What damage does it do?
It's a danger to animals that might get caught in it and to humans because you might get cut on it
29. Find Mermaid's Hair. *Type of seaweed*
30. Find a sun trap. *Plants because they make energy using the sun or anything else that YOU think makes a sun trap!*
31. What county are we in? *Wicklow*
32. Name another beach to visit in Wicklow. *Arklow, Magheramore, Clogga, Enereilly, Greystones, Bray, Kilcoole, Newcastle*
33. Whales have been spotted recently off the coast in the Irish Sea. What neighbouring country has a name that sounds the same? *Wales*



Dragon fly or damsel fly



Whale

You come to Brittas Bay because it is a lovely sandy beach. Lots of wildlife have their home in the sand and enjoy it as well. But, they need the sand dunes. You can help to mind their home by not picking plants that grow on the dunes, by not leaving litter and staying out of areas that have fences around them. If the sand dunes are looked after by us, everyone can enjoy Brittas Bay.

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Sea Horse