

Greystones Beach Hunt

Answers

2. Find an umbrella shaped flower. What colour is it? *White*
3. Find a flower that is the symbol of Scotland. What is it called?
Thistle
4. Find a plant that produces fruit near the Dartline. What is it?
Blackberry or Bramble
6. There is lichen on the rocks. What colour is it? *Yellow or Grey/White*
7. There are danger signs near the beach. What danger does it warn you about? *The overhead wires on the DART line.*
8. Can you spot any other man-made dangers on the beach? *Litter broken glass*
11. Find a man-made stone. *A piece of concrete washed up on the beach*
14. Find a piece of wood. How did it get onto the beach? *Usually washed up from the sea, showing how things that go in to the sea from other places travel to our shores*
15. Name two types of objects that are out at sea.
Boats, bouys, lighthouse
17. Can you find a leg down near the water? What creature does it belong to? *Usually a crab leg or two may be found on the beach*

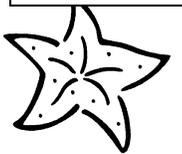
Water Snail



Butterfly



Star Fish



Crab

18. Where does the town get its name from? *The grey stones on the beach*

19. There are lots of different plants growing in the sand and stones along the beach. How do you think they manage to grow in the sand without water or soil? *They are usually special type of plant with long roots that go deep into the ground or have waxy or very tough leaves. They usually don't need much water or food. They get water and some food from the rain and the water that flows along the sand when it rains. They store food and water in fleshy waxy leaves. And they get nutrients from dying leaves of other plants.*

21. The grass growing in the sand does something very special. Can you figure out why it is special? *The grass is Marram grass that has long roots that grow along the sand just under the surface and every now and then a new plant grows in a new place from these roots. Marram grass holds the sand and sand dunes together and allows new sand dunes to form.*

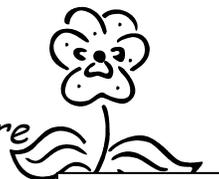


Dragon fly or damsel fly

24. Seahorses live in the Irish Sea. Are they fish or animals? *They are fish.*

25. Name an animal, NOT a fish, that lives in the Irish Sea. *Seals, Whales, Dolphins*

26. Near the Life Guard's Hut, which animal has its own bin? *There are dog bins to put dog poo into!*



Pansy or violet

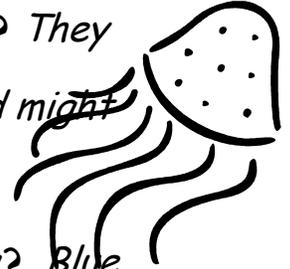
27. Can you spot a plant that stings? *a nettle*

28. Can you name an insect that stings? *Bea, Wasp, Sand Fly, midge, mosquito, ant*

29. Name a sea creature that is sometimes here in Greystones that stings *Jelly Fish*

Jellyfish

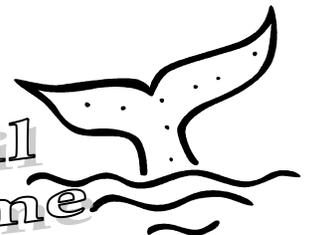
30. Find the life buoys on the beach. What are they used for? *They are used to throw into the water for people who are in trouble and might drown.*



31. There are two flags for the beach. What colours are they? *Blue Flag Beach Flag is Blue and White. And when the Life Guard is on duty there may be a yellow and red flag when it's safe to swim or a red flag when it is dangerous. If there is no flag there is no Life Guard.*

32. What do the flags mean? *1. The the beach is a blue Flag beach and has good quality water for swimming. 2. _Life Guards' Flags to tell you when it is safe to swim.*

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Sea Horse

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