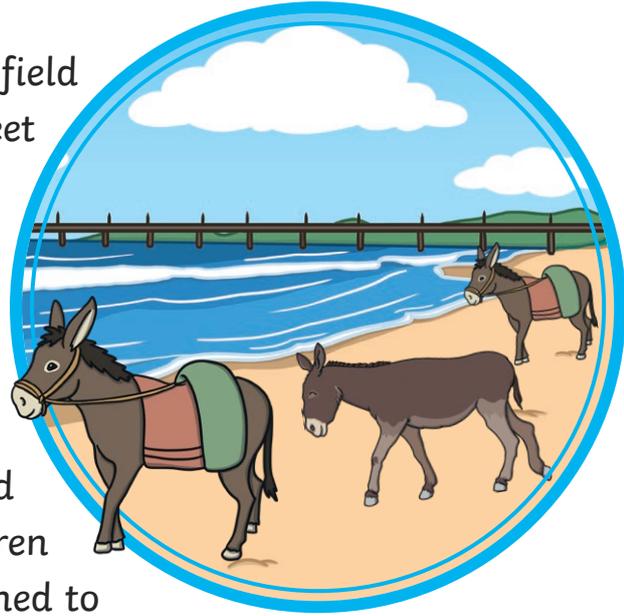


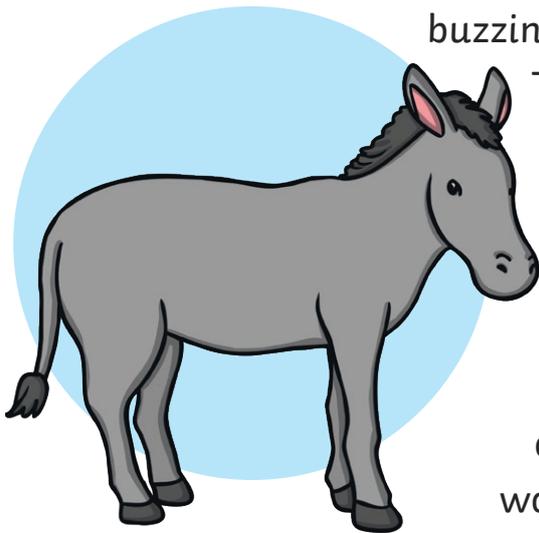
Dixie and the Extreme Dream

Dixie the donkey lived with her friends in a field near the coast. They lived happily, grazing on sweet grass and waiting for summer.

Each summer morning, they made the journey down a concrete path to the beach where children on holiday could enjoy donkey rides. For many long years, Dixie had trotted down that concrete path. Then, she and her team would walk up and down the sandy shore all day long with the children on their backs. Each summer evening, they returned to the field to sleep under the trees.



One morning, Dixie woke up before the others. The only sound was the low buzzing of a bumblebee as Dixie dozily nibbled her breakfast. The bumblebee seemed to stop suddenly, look and wave at her before buzzing off again! That didn't usually happen! Dixie was tired but eager to get to work so off she went.

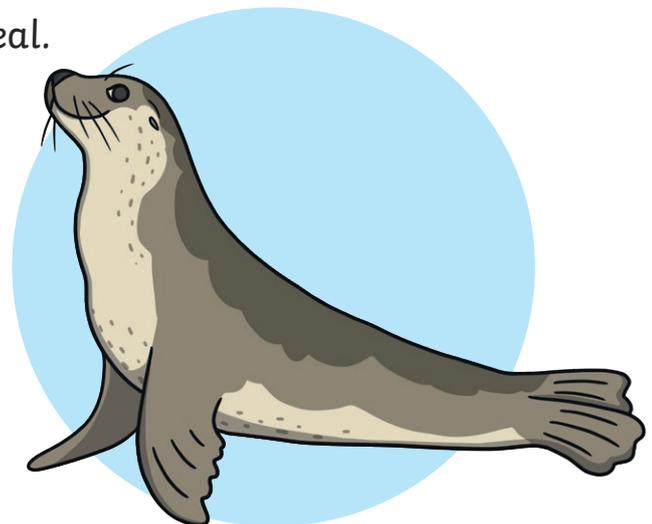


Dixie came to the empty beach and yawned. In the sea, something caught her eye. She had a brief stop and saw it was a little grey seal! He seemed to be waving and wanting to speak! What a funny thing!

"Hello!" shouted the little seal.

"I would like you to come to my thirteenth birthday party! Everyone is coming! There's Ellie Eel, Terry Turkey, Millie Monkey and Betty Bumblebee."

Dixie was completely speechless! She had already met Betty, of course!



“Dotty Dolphin will give you a ride!” the seal added. “You spend all day carrying children. I believe it’s time you had a treat!”

Just then, a shiny dolphin leaped out of the waves. It was streaked with strands of seaweed but smiled sweetly at her.

Soon, Dixie was riding Dotty Dolphin through the choppy waves, with Sammy Seal hot on their heels. The cool sea spray splashed her cheeks as they swiftly swam. What great speed! Dixie had never felt so free!

At the party, they ate seaweed cakes, drank berry juice and played Pin the Tail on the Donkey (which Dixie won, of course).

Very soon it was time to go. Dotty gave Dixie a bumpy ride home. It was a relief to be back on dry land but Dixie was unhappy that the party was over.

“Don’t worry,” said Dotty as she swam away,

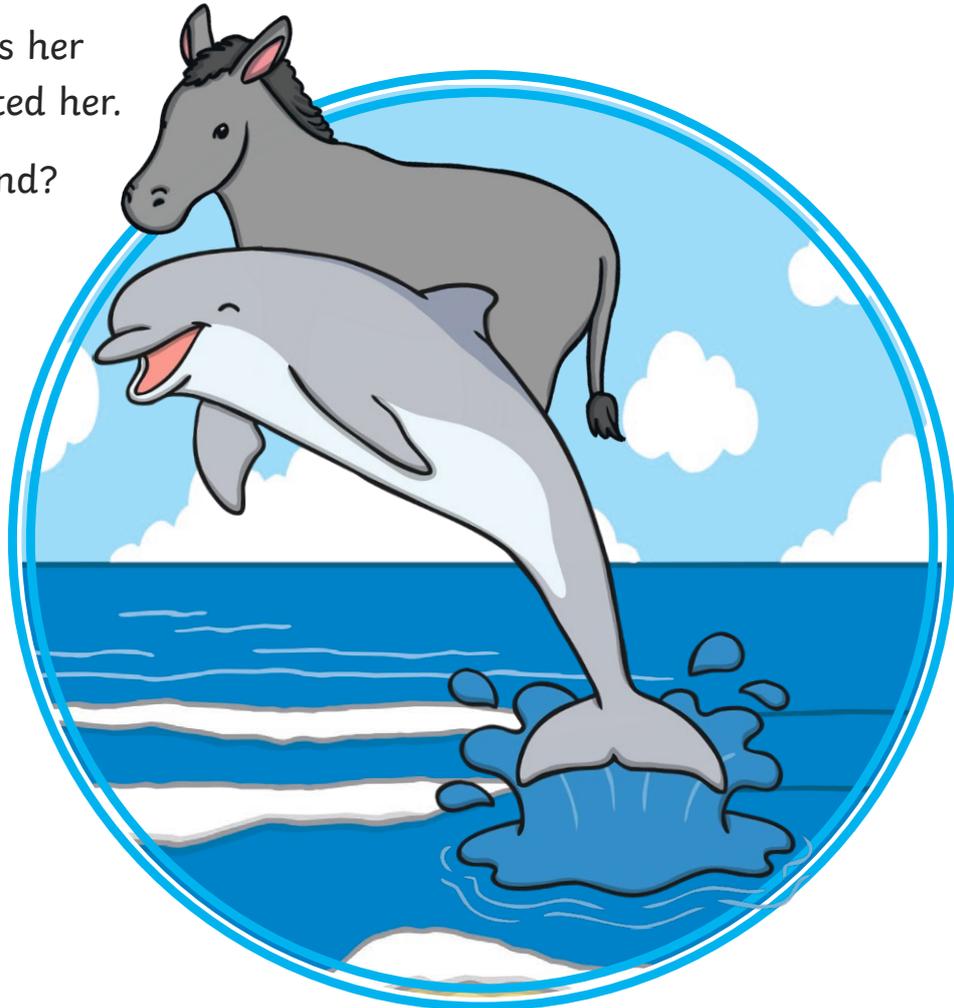
“We shall keep watch for you from here!”

Dixie rubbed her sleepy eyes as her donkey friends came and greeted her.

Had she been asleep on the sand?

Had it all been an
extreme dream?

What do you believe?



Dixie and the Extreme Dream - Answers

Dixie the **donkey** lived with her friends in a **field** near the coast. They lived **happily**, grazing on **sweet** grass and waiting for summer.

Each summer morning, they made the **journey** down a **concrete** path to the **beach** where children on holiday could enjoy **donkey** rides. For **many** long years, **Dixie** had trotted down that **concrete** path. Then, she and her **team** would walk up and down the **sandy** shore all day long with the children on their backs. Each summer **evening**, they returned to the **field** to **sleep** under the **trees**.

One morning, **Dixie** woke up before the others. The **only** sound was the low buzzing of a **bumblebee** as **Dixie** **dozily** nibbled her breakfast. The **bumblebee** **seemed** to stop **suddenly**, look and wave at her before buzzing off again! That didn't **usually** happen! **Dixie** was tired but **eager** to get to work so off she went.

Dixie came to the **empty beach** and yawned. In the **sea**, something caught her eye. She had a **brief** stop and saw it was a little grey **seal**! He **seemed** to be waving and wanting to **speak**! What a **funny** thing!

"Hello!" shouted the little **seal**. "I would like you to come to my **thirteenth** birthday party! **Everyone** is coming! There's **Ellie Eel**, **Terry Turkey**, **Millie Monkey** and **Betty Bumblebee**."

Dixie was **completely speechless**! She had **already** met **Betty**, of course!

"**Dotty** Dolphin will give you a ride!" the **seal** added. "You spend all day **carrying** children. I **believe** it's time you had a **treat**!"

Just then, a **shiny** dolphin **leaped** out of the waves. It was **streaked** with strands of **seaweed** but smiled **sweetly** at her.

Soon, **Dixie** was riding **Dotty** Dolphin through the **choppy** waves, with **Sammy Seal** hot on their **heels**. The cool **sea** spray splashed her **cheeks** as they **swiftly** swam. What great **speed**! **Dixie** had never felt so **free**!

At the **party**, they ate **seaweed** cakes, drank **berry** juice and played Pin the Tail on the **Donkey** (which **Dixie** won, of course).

Very soon it was time to go. **Dotty** gave **Dixie** a **bumpy** ride home. It was a **relief** to be back on dry land but **Dixie** was **unhappy** that the **party** was over.

"Don't **worry**," said **Dotty** as she swam away, "We shall **keep** watch for you from **here**!"

Dixie rubbed her **sleepy** eyes as her **donkey** friends came and **greeted** her. Had she **been** **asleep** on the sand? Had it all **been** an **extreme dream**? What do you **believe**?

Dixie and the Extreme Dream - Answers

Words with 'ee' (20 words)	Words with 'ea' (11 words)	Words with 'y' (28 words)	Words with 'e-e' (5 words)	Words with 'ie' (7 words)	Words with 'ey' (4 words)
<p>sweet sleep trees bumblebee seemed feeling thirteenth eel speechless seaweed sweetly heels cheeks speed free keep sleepy greeted been asleep</p>	<p>each beach team eager sea seal speak leaped streaked seaweed dream</p>	<p>happily many sandy only dozily suddenly usually empty funny party everyone Terry Betty completely already Dotty carrying shiny sweetly choppy Sammy swiftly berry very bumpy unhappy worry sleepy</p>	<p>concrete evening completely here extreme</p>	<p>Dixie field brief Ellie Millie believe relief</p>	<p>donkey journey Turkey Monkey</p>