

## BEFORE AND AFTER PARAGRAPH

### BEFORE

The beach is awesome. I really like to make sand castles while I am there. I also love going in the water. I like collecting shells. I like to play beach volleyball. I like to have races in the water. I like boogie-boarding along the shore. I like to tan while I am at the beach. These are some of the amazing things that make the beach awesome.

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### AFTER

A great place to spend a day of summer vacation is the beach. **Not surprisingly**, my **chosen** favorite thing is to do is slave over building sandcastles. The most amazing creation was a seashell with a pearl in it. I made it with my best friend. It was for a sandcastle building contest, and we came in second. **Almost** as much as building sandcastles, **I love playing in the water**. The most **enjoyable** thing to me is playing beach volleyball in the water with my family. Although there is no point to even trying because my dad always **succeeds** and we don't. One of the other great things to do is **gather** sea shells. **I love to collect them**. **Surprisingly**, I have a huge collection, but that is a story for another time. Anyway, when I feel physically exhausted one thing I do is tan. Tanning for me is like cooking a **soft, cold** marshmallow over a **toasty** fire; except you're the marshmallow!