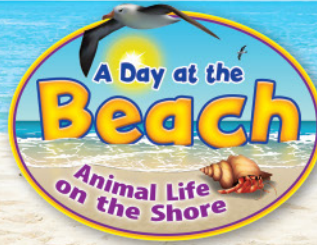


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A seagull with white and grey feathers and a yellow beak stands on a sandy beach. In the background, there is a blue ocean and a light blue sky with a few birds flying. The title 'Contents' is written in large, red, bubbly letters with a white outline, positioned at the top center of the page.

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A Fishy Feast

A fishing boat is chugging toward the seashore.

It's chased by squawking seagulls.

The birds know that fishers throw fish guts and other scraps overboard.

The birds swoop down to gobble up the food.

When their fishy feast is over, they fly back to the beach to rest.



seagulls fighting
over a fish

The birds known as seagulls are actually herring gulls. They are named after a type of fish, even though they eat lots of different foods.



herring



All About Herring Gulls

Herring gulls, or seagulls, are large seabirds with gray and white feathers.

An adult gull weighs about 2.5 pounds (1.1 kg).

Its wings can measure more than 4 feet (1.2 m) across!

Seagulls spend their days looking for food, bathing in the sea, and resting on rocks.

adult herring gull





a drop of salty snot

If there is no
freshwater around,
seagulls can drink salty
seawater. Too much salt
is bad for the birds, but
their bodies are able to
remove it. The salt drips
from the gulls' nostrils as
salty snot!