

How to Build a Sandcastle

You will need:

- damp sand
- water
- a bucket and spade
- shells or stones



1. Fill the bucket to the top with damp sand.
2. Pat the sand down with your hand or spade.
3. Turn your bucket over quickly and place it on the ground.
4. Tap the base of the bucket a few times with your spade.
5. Lift the bucket up slowly to find your tower underneath.
6. Repeat steps 1 to 5 until you are happy with the size of your sandcastle.
7. Dig a moat (a deep trench or channel) around your sandcastle and fill it with water.
8. Use shells or stones to decorate your sandcastle.

Quick Questions



1. What should you use to decorate your sandcastle?



2. Why do you think that you need to use damp sand to build a sandcastle?



3. What is a 'moat'?



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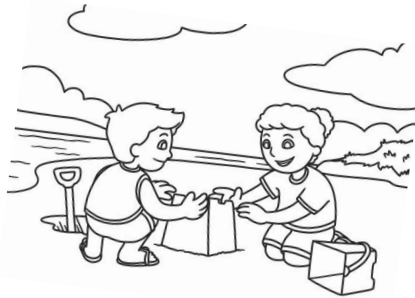
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Answers



1. What should you use to decorate your sandcastle?

You should use shells or stones to decorate your sandcastle.



2. Why do you think that you need to use damp sand to build a sandcastle?

Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that you need to use damp sand to build a sandcastle because it will help the sand to stick together.



3. What is a 'moat'?

A moat is a deep trench or channel that can be full of water.



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- 4** Lift the bucket up slowly.
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