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- 54 4. Tap the base of the bucket a few times with your spade.
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- 65 5. Lift the bucket up slowly to find your tower underneath.
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- 78 6. Repeat steps 1 to 5 until you are happy with the size of your sandcastle.
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- 120 8. Use shells or stones to decorate your sandcastle.
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## 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**?



4. Number these steps from 1–4 to show the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ Pat the sand down with your hand or spade.
- ☐ Lift the bucket up slowly.
- ☒ 1 Fill the bucket to the top with damp sand.
- ☐ Turn your bucket over quickly.

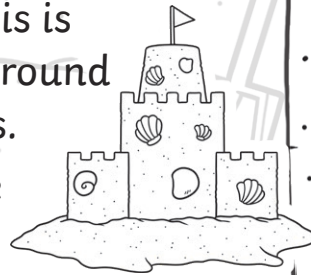
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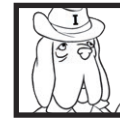


## Answers



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?

**Pupils' own responses, 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 around a castle that is filled with water.**



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- 2** Pat the sand down with your hand or spade.
- 4** Lift the bucket up slowly.
- 1** Fill the bucket to the top with damp sand.
- 3** Turn your bucket over quickly.