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## Questions



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3. Fill in the missing word.

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# Answers



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**You should use shells or stones to decorate your sandcastle.**



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think you need to use damp sand to build a sandcastle to help the sand stick together.**



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