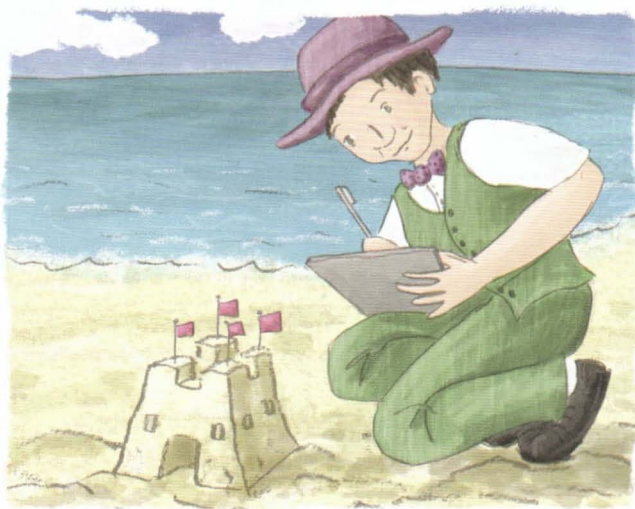


The Sandcastle Competition

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**Before you read, can you match
the words with the pictures?**

1 ice lolly

2 book

3 kite

4 beach

5 sun cream

6 ball

7 shell

8 sandcastle

a



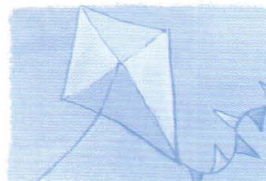
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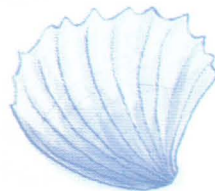
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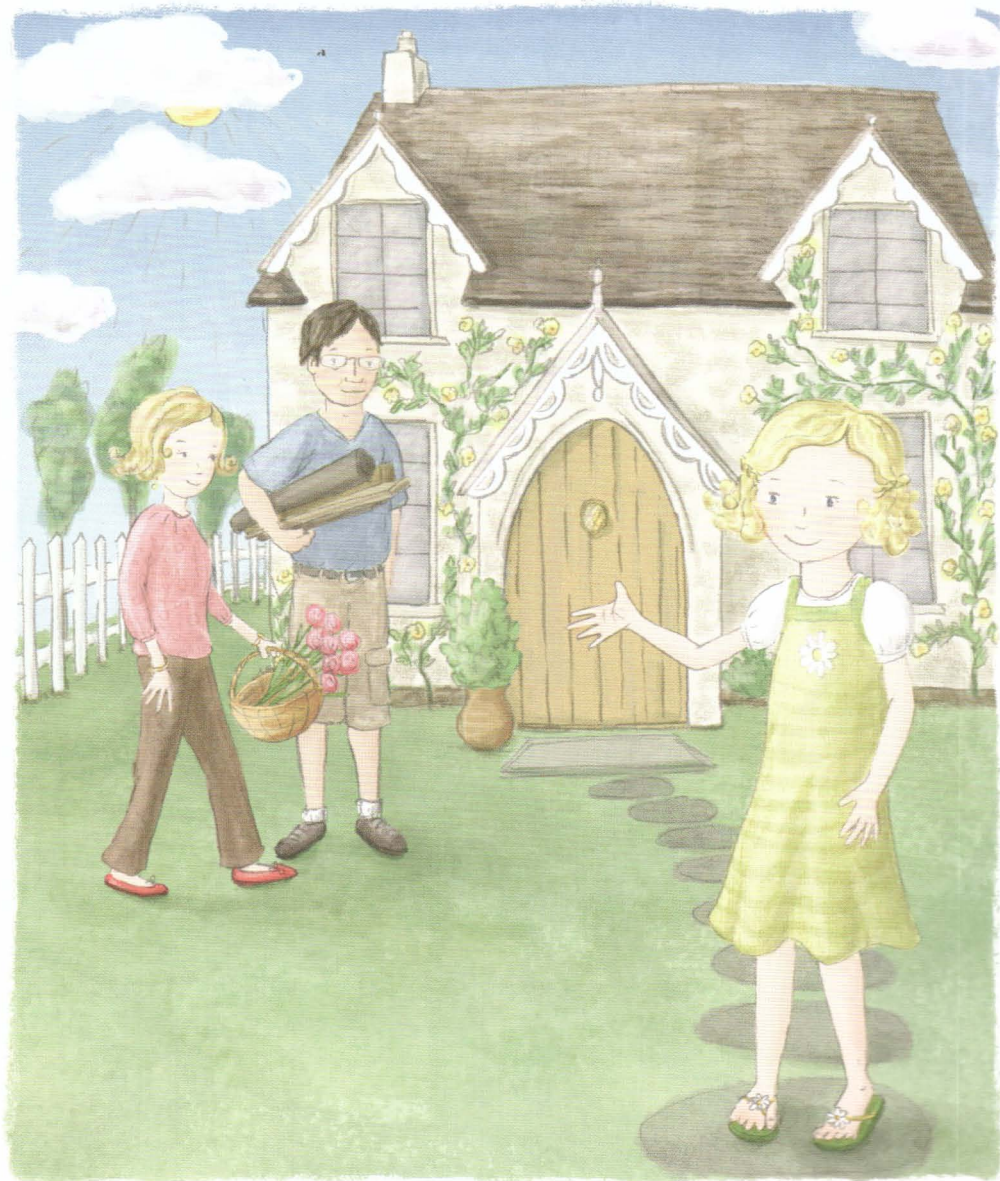
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h



MY name's Daisy. I'm seven.
I've got blue eyes and curly blond hair.
This is my house, and there are
my mum and dad.



blond



curly



eyes



hair



This is my cousin, Jack. He's eight.

He hasn't got blond hair. He's got straight, black hair and he's got brown eyes. Jack lives in a flat.

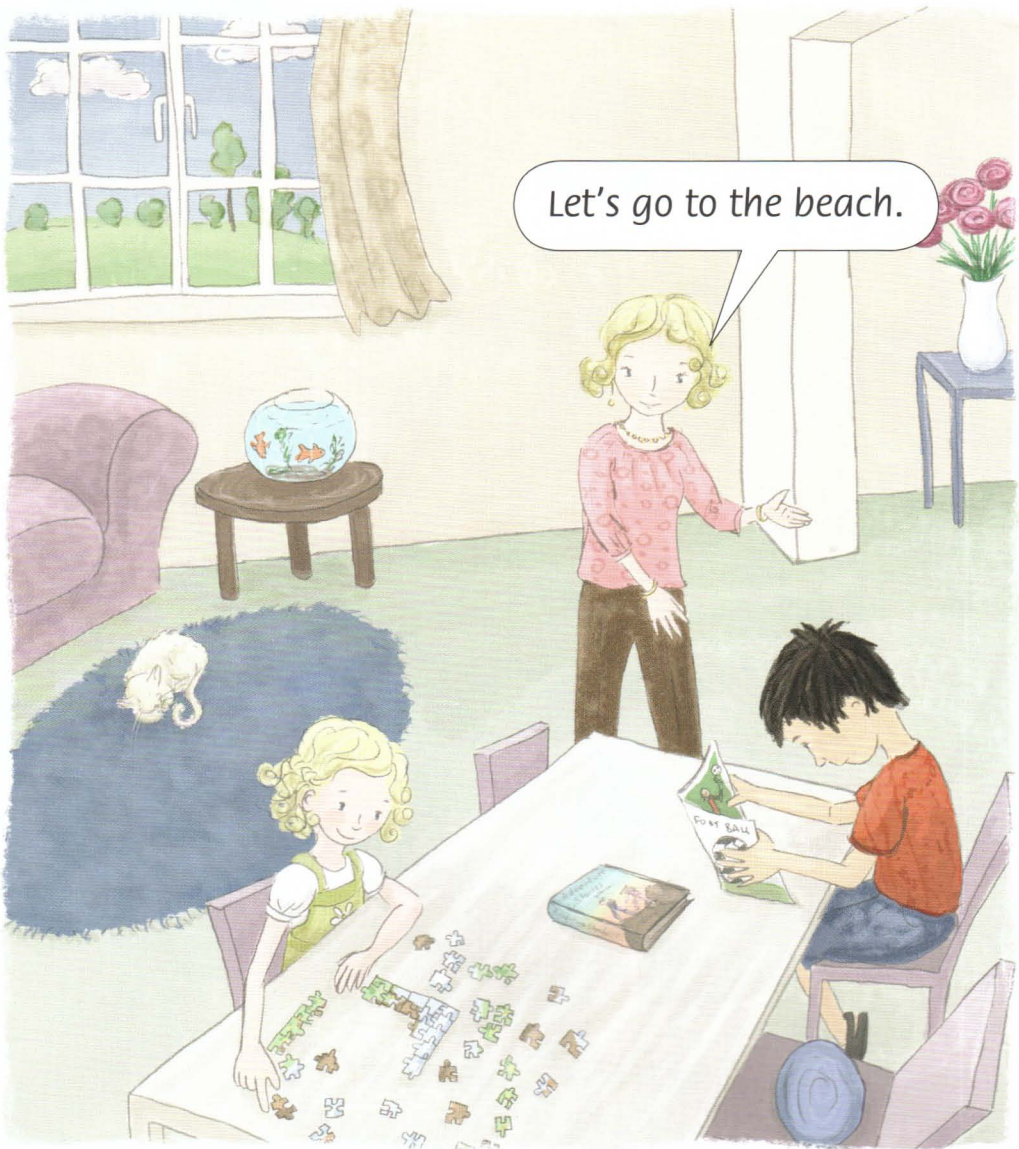


flat



straight





It's Saturday. Jack is at my house.
 He likes football and frisbee. I like puzzles and books.
 Mum says, 'Let's go to the beach.'
 That's a great idea! Jack and I like the beach.

beach



football



frisbee



puzzle





There's a big bag. What have we got for the beach?

'We've got sun cream,' says Mum.

'And a big rug,' says Dad.

My favourite book is in the bag, and Jack's frisbee is in the bag.

bag

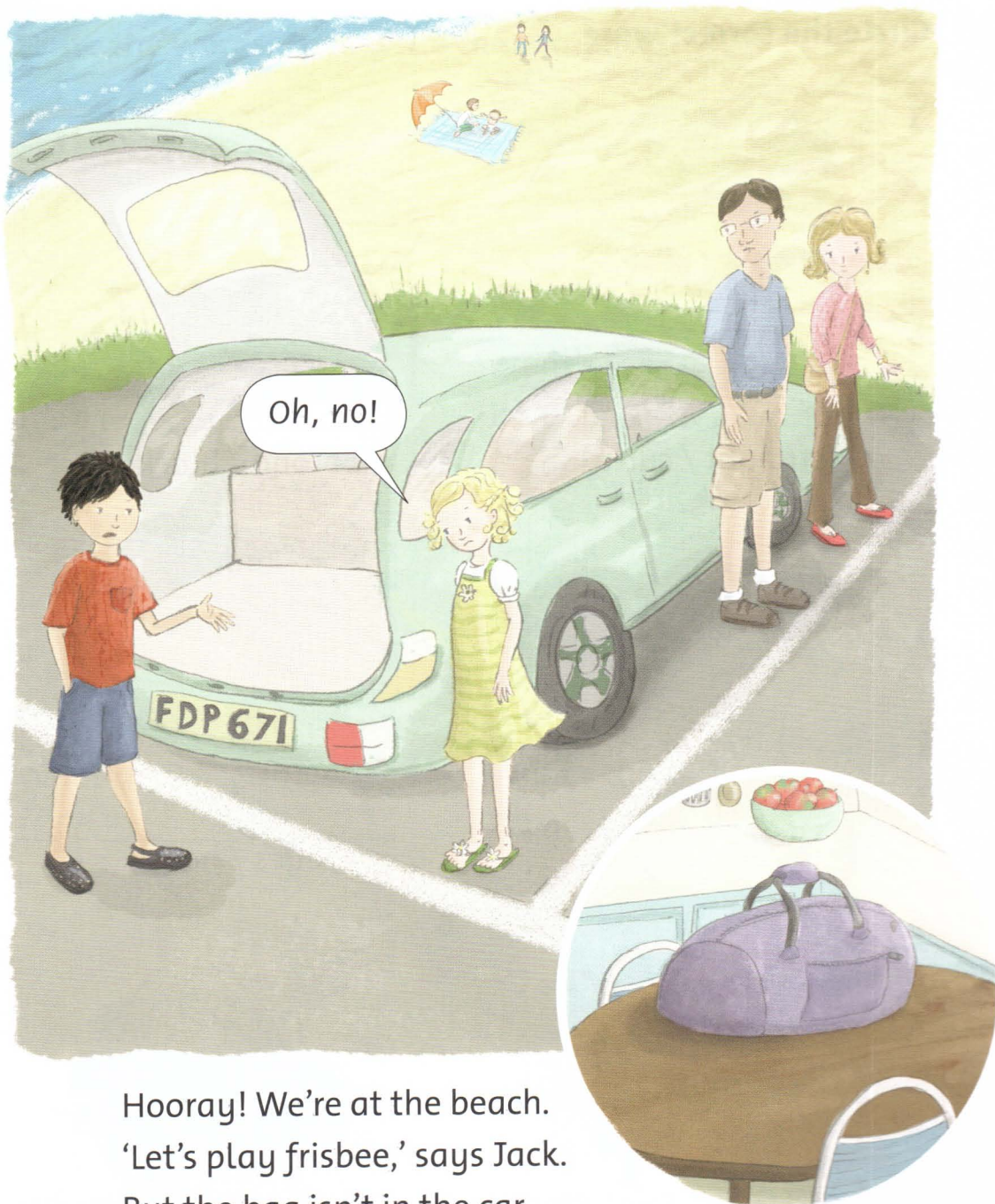


rug



sun cream





Hooray! We're at the beach.
 'Let's play frisbee,' says Jack.
 But the bag isn't in the car.
 Oh, no! The bag is in the kitchen!

car



play



Circle the correct word.

1



straight / curly

2



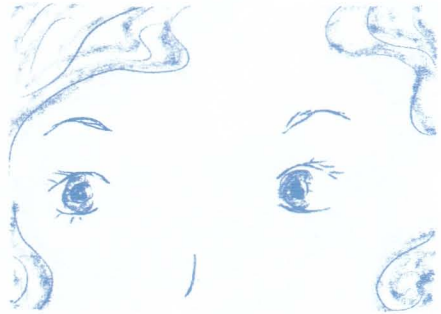
blond / black

3



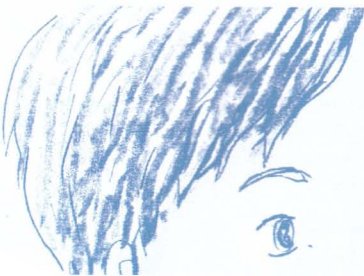
blond / black

4



eyes / hair

5



eyes / hair

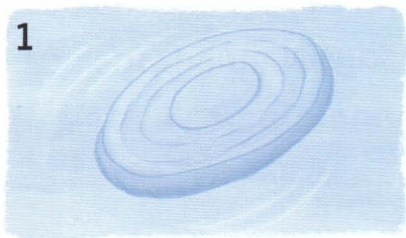
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straight / curly

Write the words. Then write the sentences.

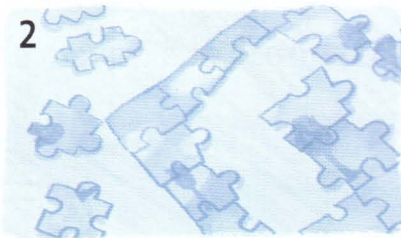
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What's this?

It's a frisbee.

2



What's this?

It's a _____.

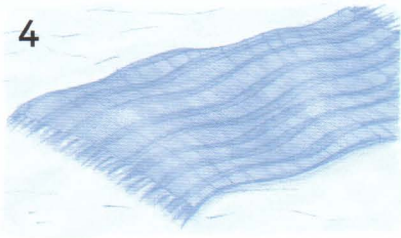
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What this?

It's a _____.

4



What's this?

It's a _____.

5



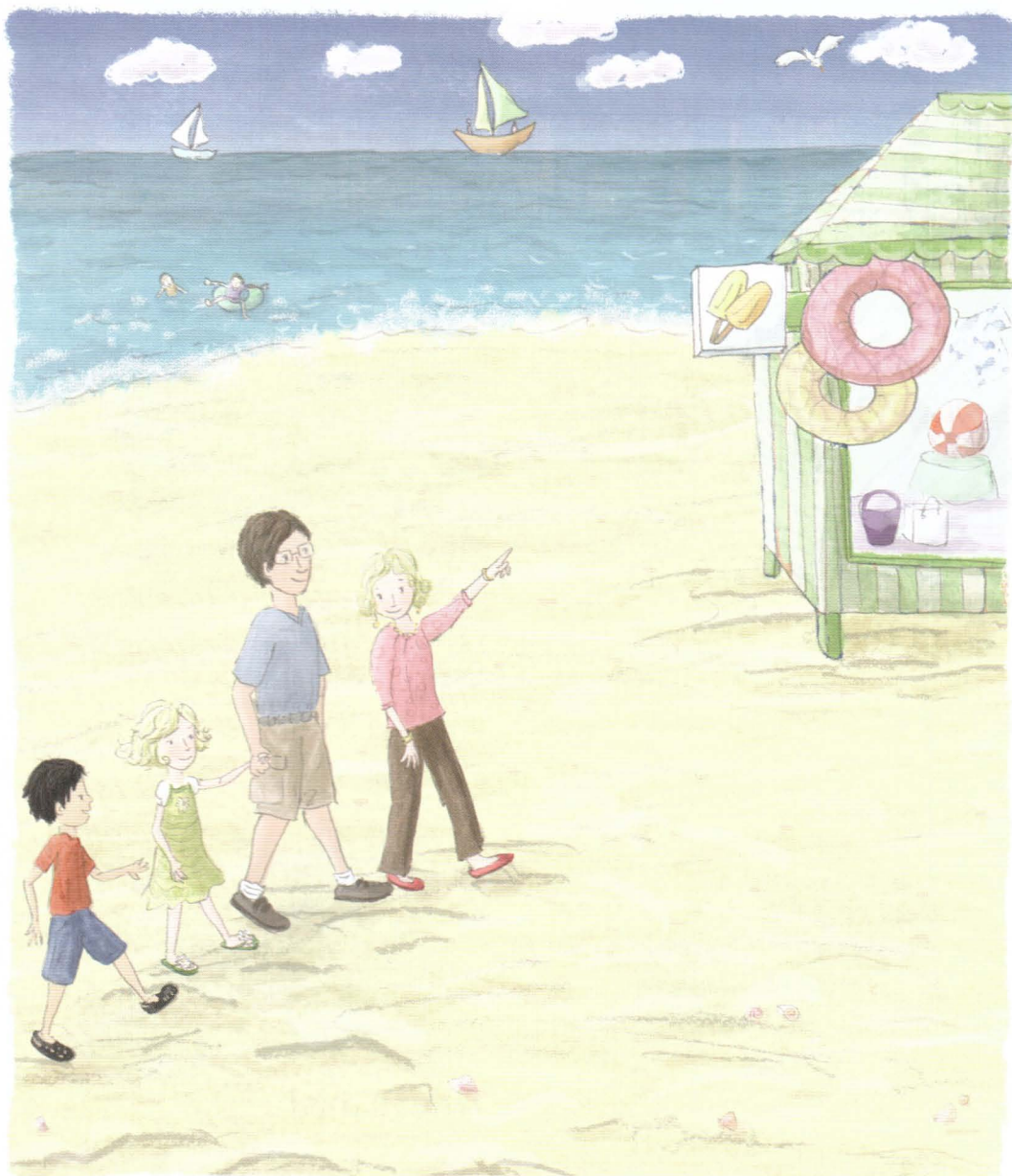
What's this?

6



What's this?

Jack can't play frisbee and I can't read my book.
'It's OK,' says Mum. 'Let's walk along the beach.'
There's a shop. 'Let's have ice lollies,' says Mum.



ice lolly



shop

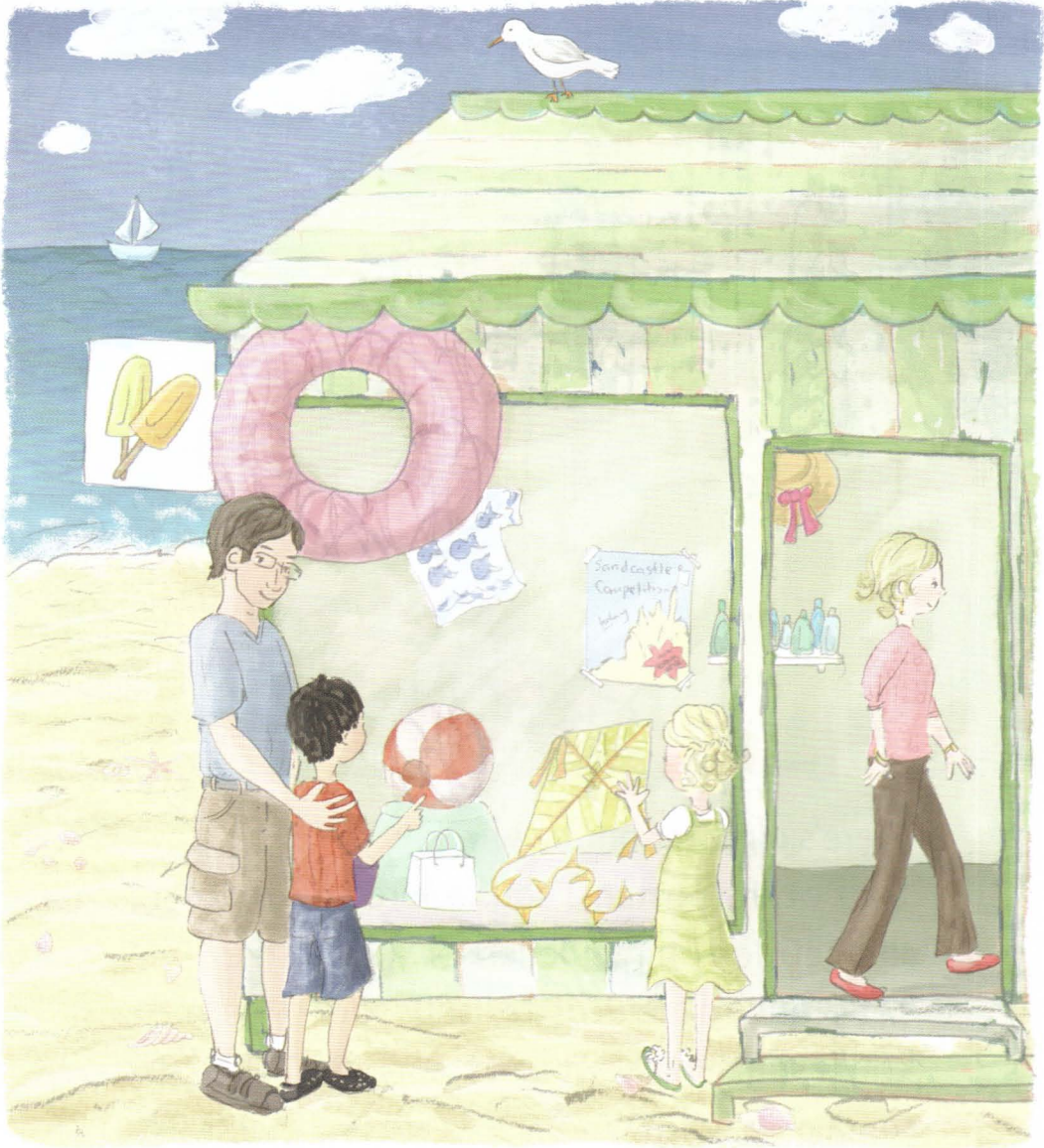


Jack and I look at the shop window.

'Look at the big red and white ball,' says Jack.

'Look at the yellow kite,' I say.

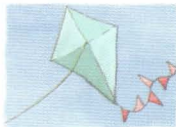
'Let's buy something to do together,' says Dad.



ball



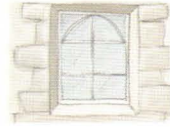
kite



together



window





There's a poster on the window.

'Look at the poster,' I say. 'There's a sandcastle competition on the beach.'

'Let's make a sandcastle,' says Jack.

'OK,' I say. 'But what can we make our sandcastle with?'

competition

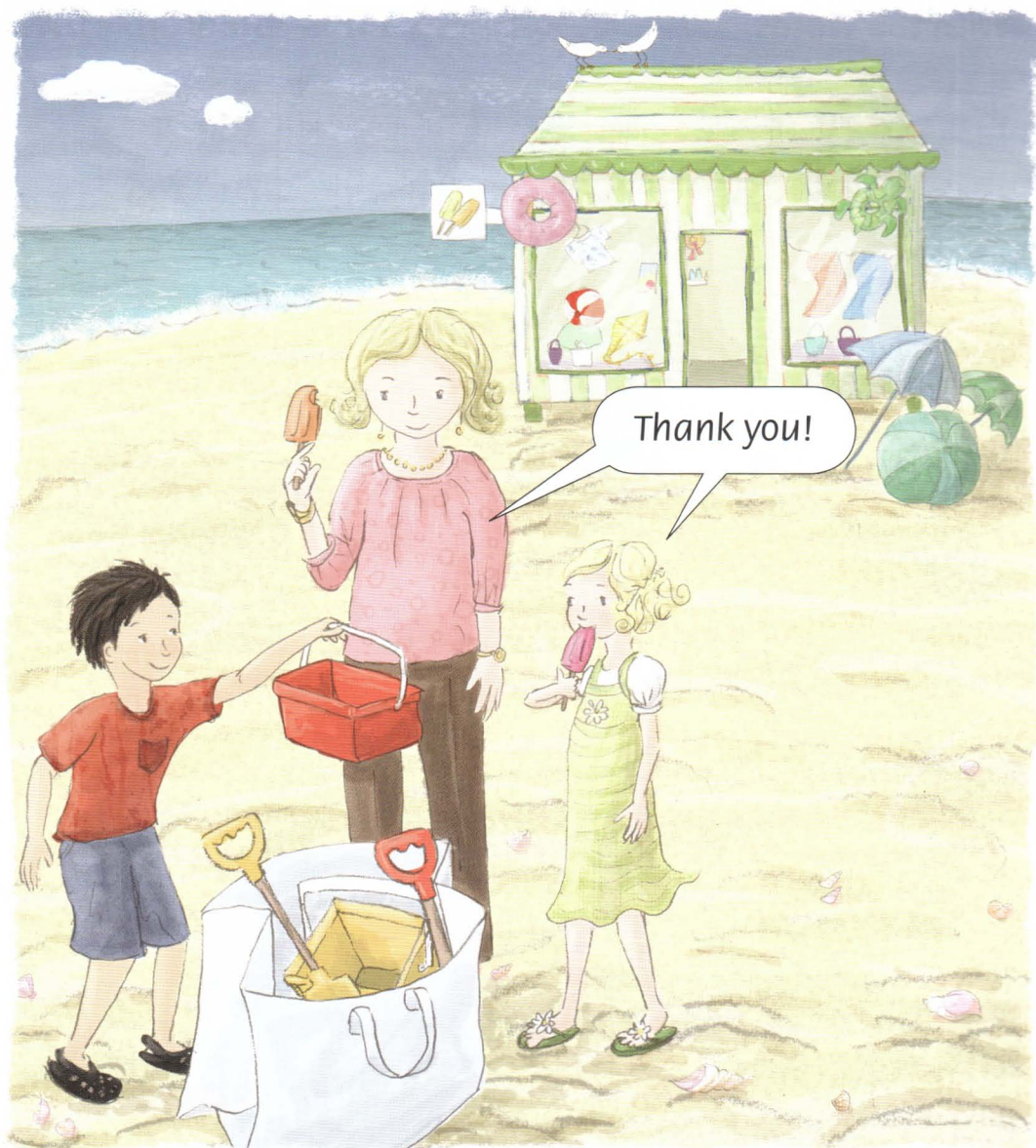


poster



sandcastle





Mum goes into the shop again. She's got a big bag.
'Now you can make a sandcastle,' she says.
We look in the bag. There are two buckets and
two spades. 'Wow! Thank you!' we say.

bucket



spade



Write the words.

1



1

b u c k e t

2

e l

3

a e

4

d c t

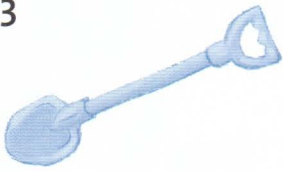
5

h o

2



3



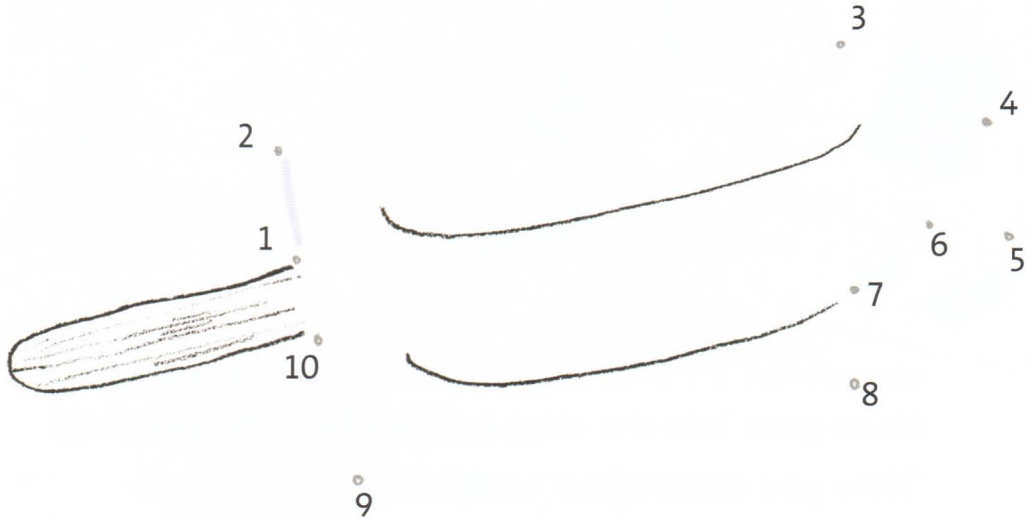
4



5



Join the dots. What is it?



It's _____.

Write the words in the correct order.

1 I read can't book. my

I can't read my book.

2 can't Jack frisbee. play

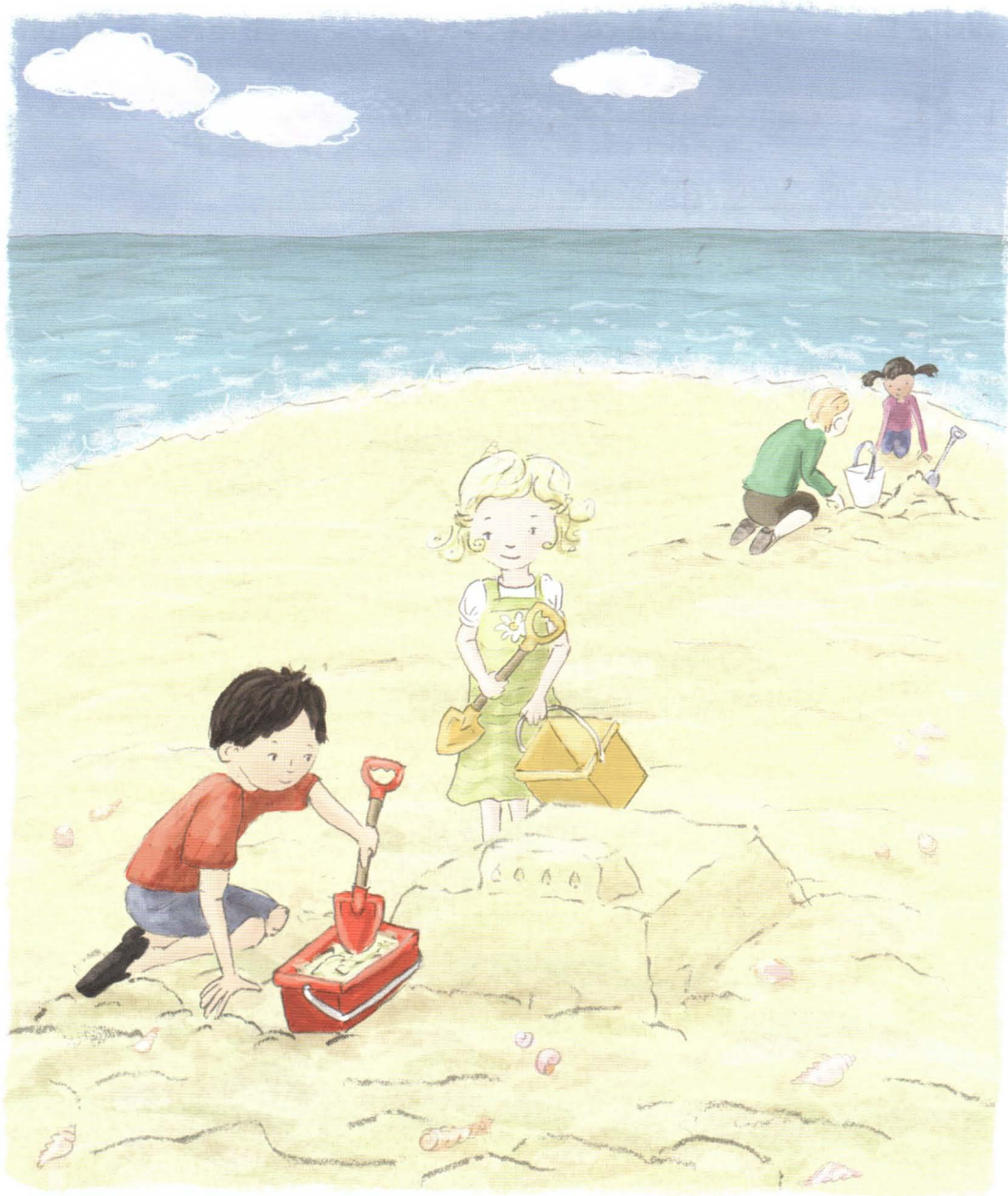
3 ice lollies. have Let's

4 kite. the Look at yellow

5 are buckets. two There

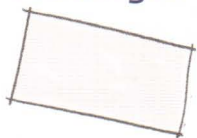
6 make You a sandcastle. can





Jack has got the red bucket. It's a rectangle.
'It's a wall,' he says. 'Here are the windows.'
Then he puts more sand in his bucket.

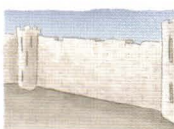
rectangle



sand



wall



window





I've got the yellow bucket. It's a square.
 I make a tower. The tower has got a door.
 'Now the people can go in,' I say.
 Then I put more sand in the bucket.

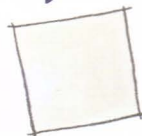
door



people



square



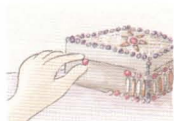
tower



'Let's decorate the sandcastle,' says Jack.
There are a lot of shells on the beach – big shells,
little shells, orange shells and pink shells.
I put the shells on the sandcastle.



decorate



orange



pink



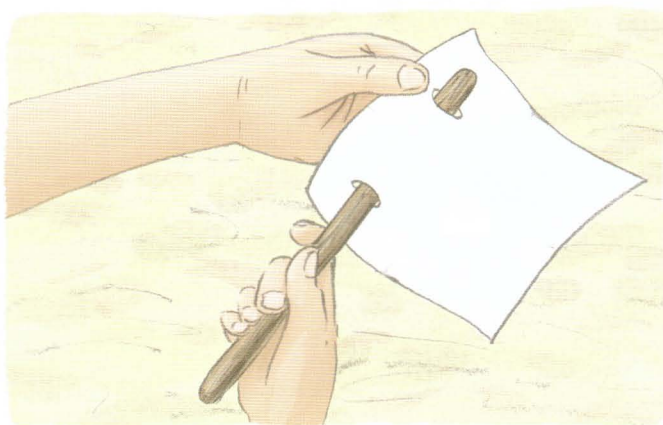
shell





Jack has got
some paper in his
pocket.

He puts the paper
on his lolly stick.
It's a flag!



He puts the flag
on top of the
sandcastle.

flag



lolly stick



paper

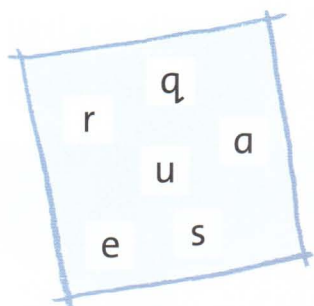


pocket



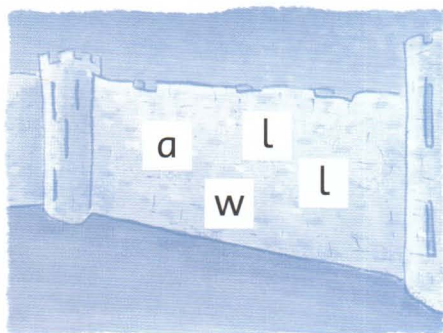
Write the words.

1

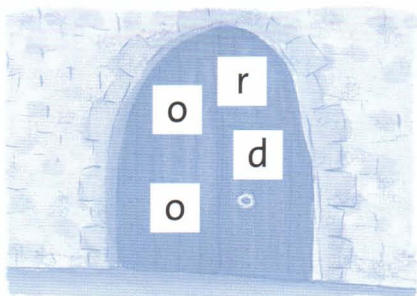


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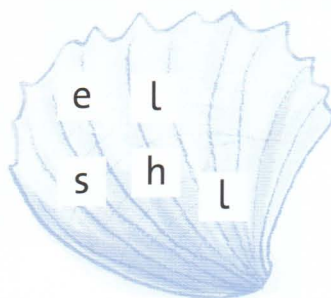
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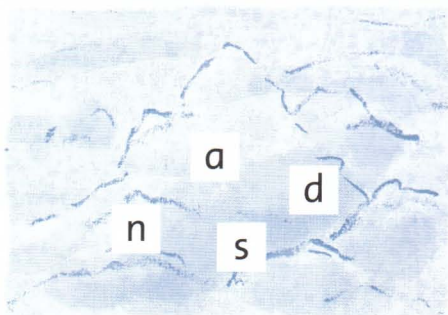
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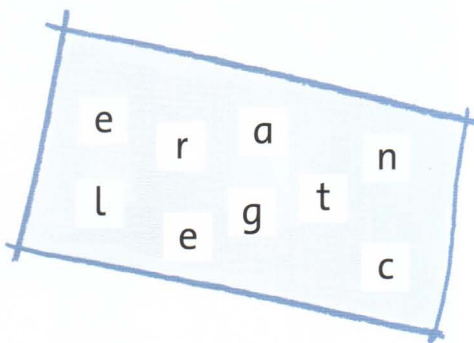
4



5



6



r _____

Match the sentences to the pictures.

1 Jack's bucket is a rectangle.

2 Daisy makes a tower.

3 There are a lot of shells on the beach.

4 Daisy puts shells on the sandcastle.

5 Jack has got some paper.

6 Jack makes a flag.

a



b



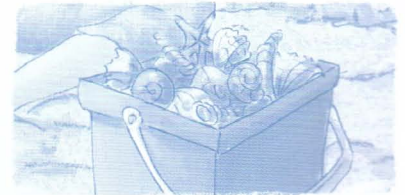
c



d



e



f



It's time for the competition. But look at the sea!
Our sandcastle isn't safe.
'It's OK,' says Jack. 'I've got an idea.'
Jack draws a circle around the sandcastle.
Then he digs the sand. The sea goes into the hole.



dig



hole

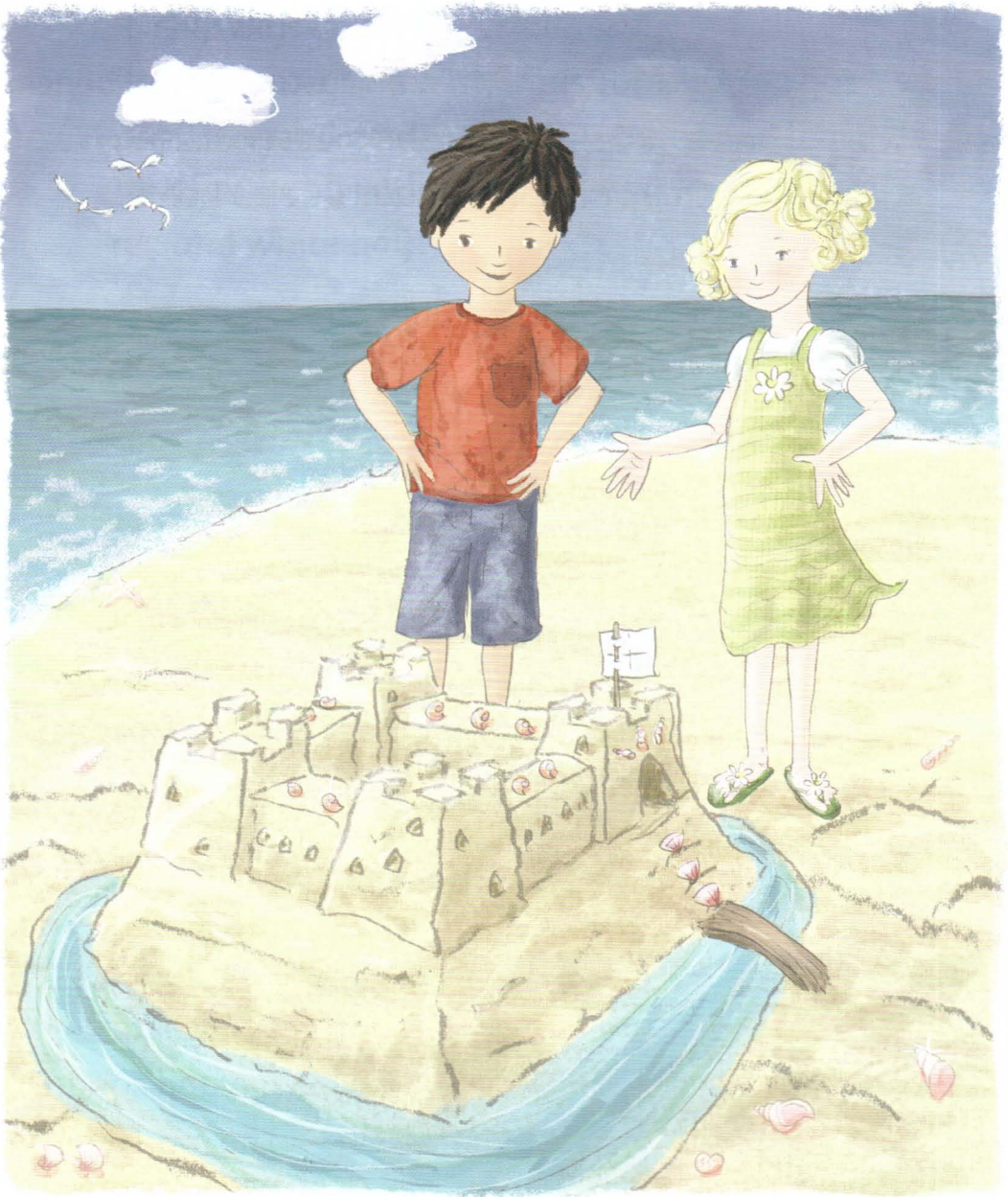


safe



sea





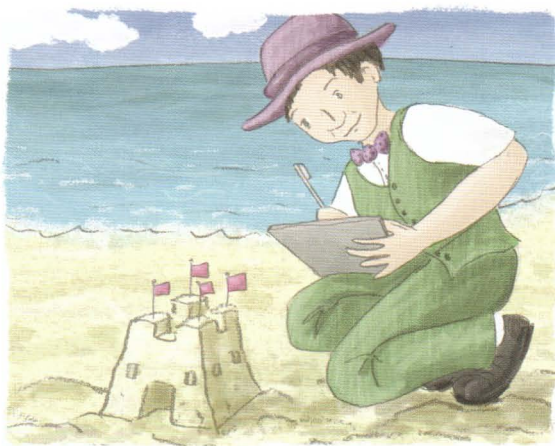
Look at our sandcastle! It's got doors and windows. It's got a flag and a lake!
Jack and I are very happy.

happy



lake





A man looks at the sandcastles on the beach. The first sandcastle is good but it's little.

The second sandcastle is very tall. Oh, dear!



The third sandcastle is big and square. The man doesn't like it.

big



little



man



tall

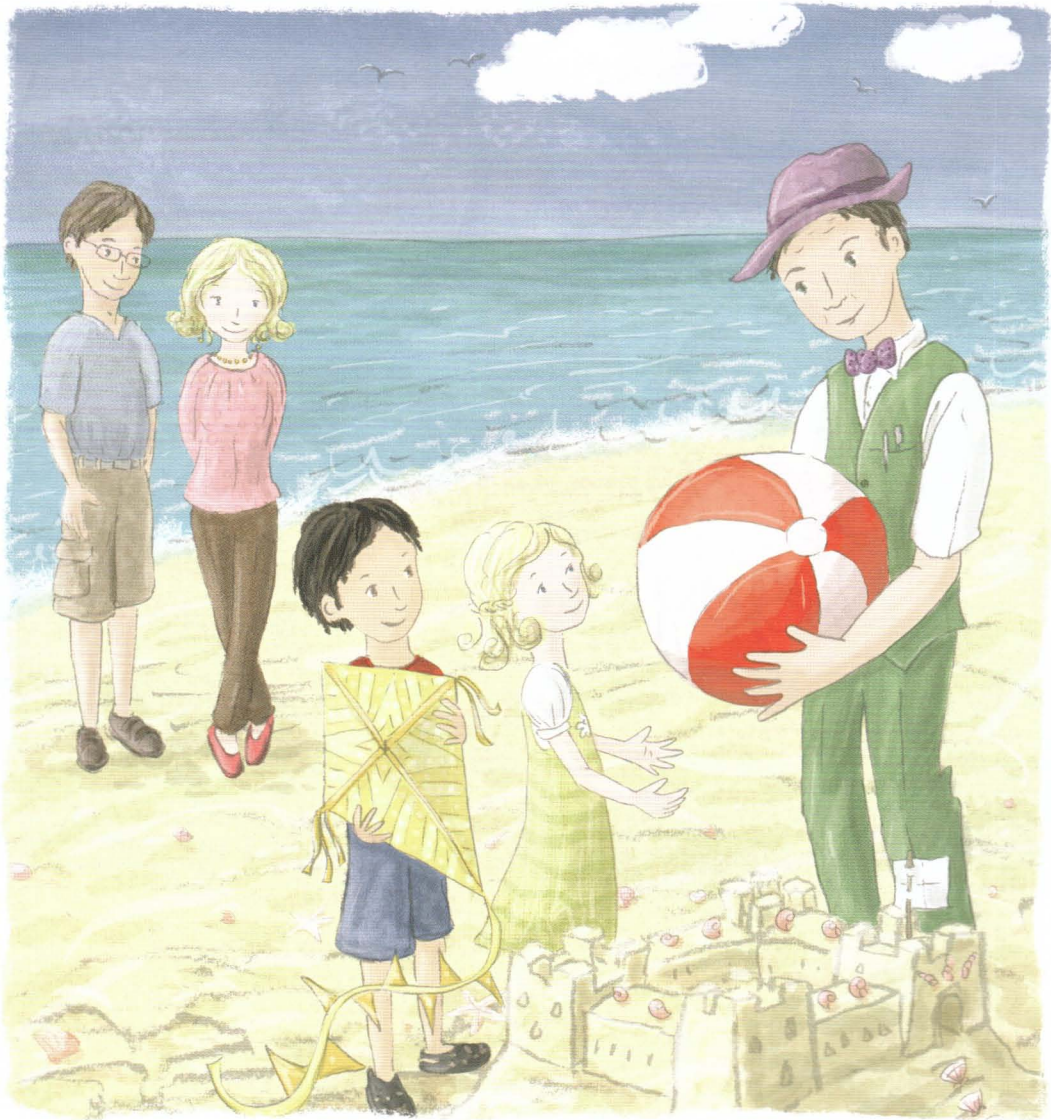


The man looks at our sandcastle. He smiles.

'This sandcastle is the winner,' he says.

'Well done! Here are your prizes.'

Jack has got a yellow kite and I have got a big red and white ball.



prize



smile



winner



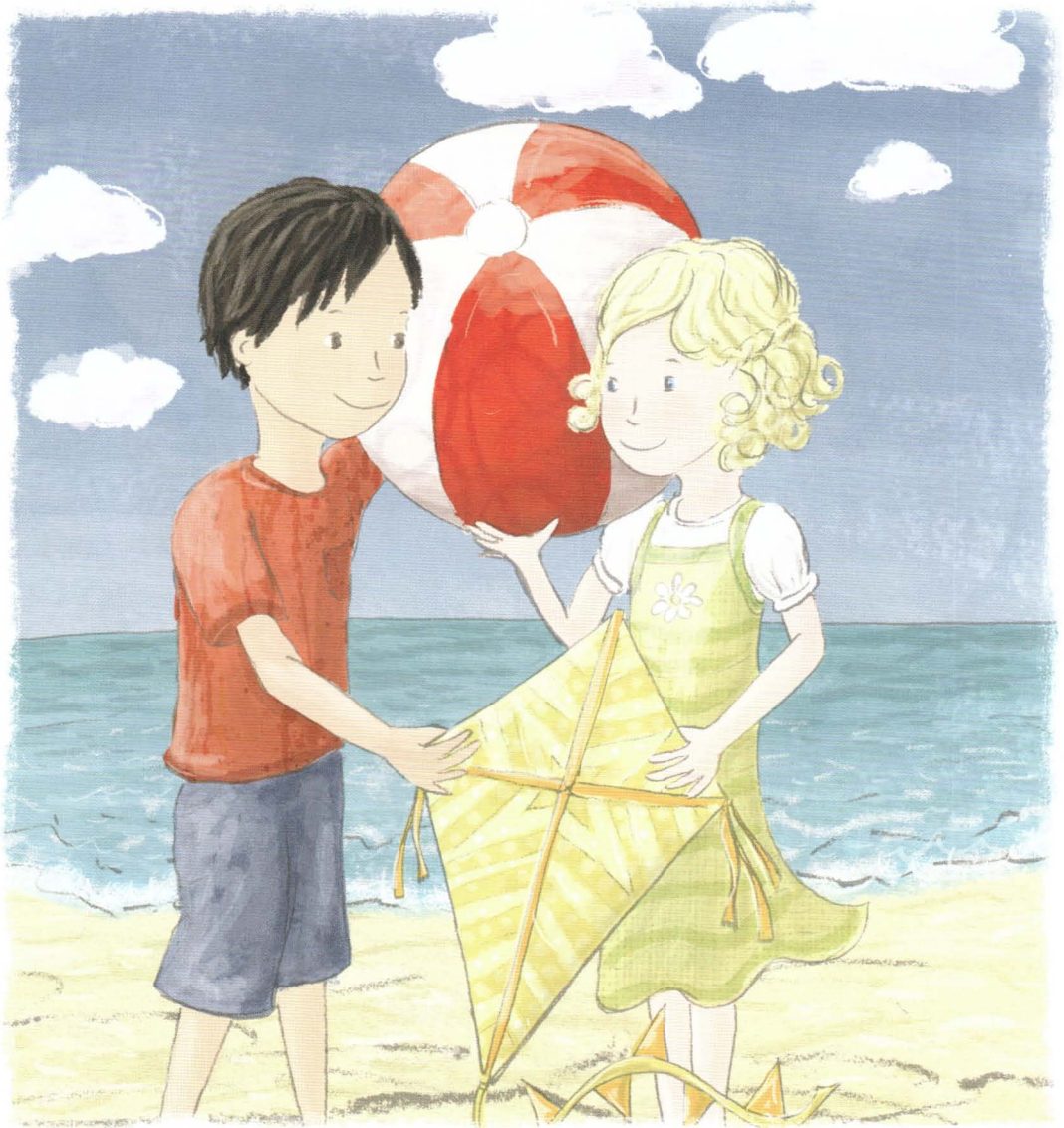
Jack looks at me and smiles.

'You can have my kite,' he says.

'And you can have my ball,' I say.

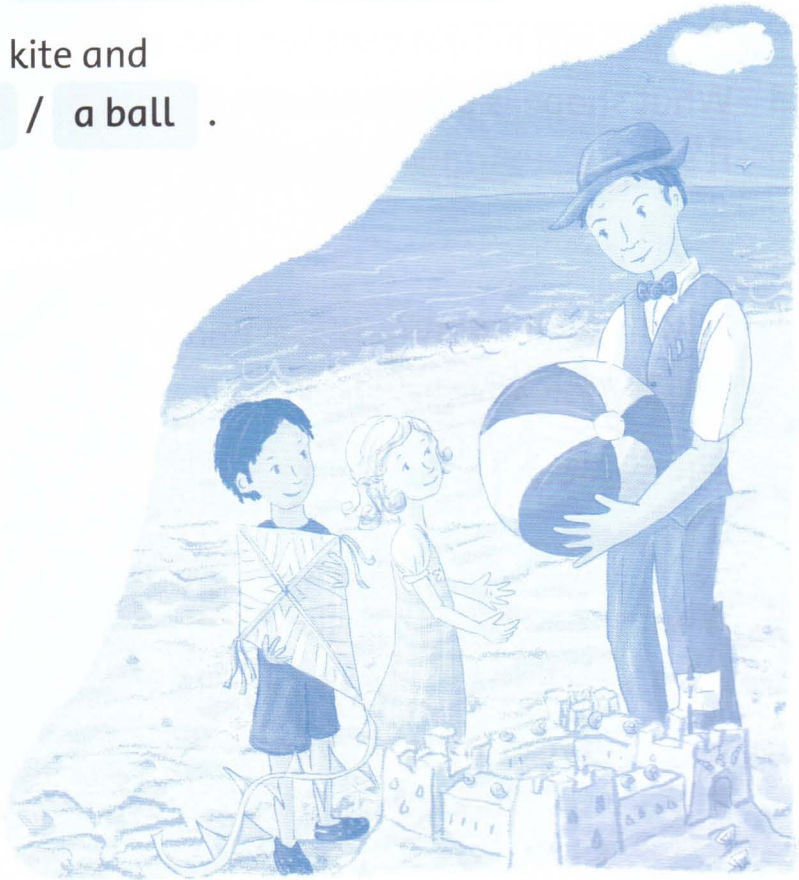
'Now let's play on the beach,' says Jack.

'That's a great idea!'



Circle the correct word.

- 1 Daisy and Jack go to the **beach** / **park** .
- 2 The bag is in the **car** / **kitchen** .
- 3 They go to the **shop** / **pool** .
- 4 There's a poster **on the door** / **in the window** .
- 5 Mum buys **buckets and spades** / **kites and balls** .
- 6 They make **a sandcastle** / **an ice lolly** .
- 7 They win a kite and
a frisbee / **a ball** .



Write the answers.

~~Jack~~

Daisy

blond

black

rectangle

square

- 1 What's your name?
My name's Jack.
- 2 What colour is your hair?
It's _____.
- 3 What shape is your bucket?
It's a _____.



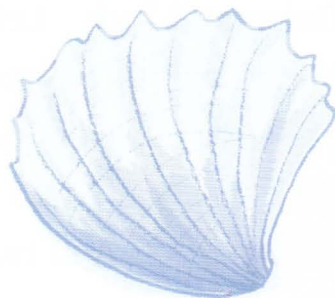
- 4 What's your name?
My name's _____.
- 5 What colour is your hair?
It's _____.
- 6 What shape is your bucket?
It's a _____.



Act the play.

Scene 1

Daisy Hello, Jack.
Jack Hello, Daisy.
Mum Let's go to the beach.
Daisy That's a great idea!
(*Puts a bag on the table.*)
What have we got for the beach?
Mum We've got sun cream.
Dad And a big rug.
(*Daisy and Jack put their toys in the bag.*)
Chorus Let's go to the beach today.
Let's go to the beach – hooray!



Scene 2

Jack Let's play!
Daisy Oh, no! The bag is in the kitchen!
Chorus The bag's in the kitchen. What can we do?
There are no toys for me or you.
Mum It's OK. Let's go for a walk.
Dad Look. There's a shop.
Mum Let's have ice lollies.
Daisy Good idea. Thanks, Mum!
Jack Look at this big red and white ball.
Daisy And look at this yellow kite.
Dad Look at this poster. There's a sandcastle competition today.



Daisy and Jack Let's make a sandcastle.

Mum (*Gives the children a bag.*)

Here you are. Now you can make a sandcastle.

Jack (*Looks in the bag.*) Two buckets ...

Daisy And two spades! Wow! Thanks, Mum.

Scene 3

Jack I've got the red bucket. It's a rectangle.

(*Jack puts sand in his bucket.*)

Daisy What is it?

Jack It's a wall.

Daisy Oh yes! I've got the yellow bucket. It's a square.

(*Daisy puts sand in her bucket.*)

Jack What's that, Daisy?

Daisy It's a tower. And here's the door.

Now the people can go in the sandcastle.

Jack Now let's decorate the sandcastle.

Daisy OK. Let's find some shells.

Jack Good idea. And I can make a flag for the top of the castle.

Chorus Now we need to decorate.

A flag and shells – it looks so great.



Scene 4

- Daisy It's time for the competition. But look at the sea! Our castle isn't safe.
- Jack It's OK. I've got an idea.
(Jack digs a hole.)
- Daisy Look, now the sea is in the hole!
- Jack Look at our sandcastle! It's got doors and windows. It's got a flag and a lake!
- Daisy *(whispering to Jack)* The first sandcastle is good but it's little.
- Jack *(whispering to Daisy)* The second sandcastle is very tall – oh dear!
- Daisy *(whispering)* The third sandcastle is big and square. The man doesn't like it.
- Jack Now it's our sandcastle.
- Man This sandcastle is the winner. Well done.
(The man gives Daisy and Jack their prizes.)
- Daisy and Jack Thank you.
- Mum and Dad Hooray!
- Jack You can have my kite, Daisy.
- Daisy And you can have my ball.
- Jack Now let's play on the beach!
- Chorus We're the winners! Now let's play.
It's a very happy day.

