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LET'S LOOK ON THE SEASHORE

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The seashore is an exciting place to be at any time of year. The weather may be sunny, stormy, windy or calm, and every visit is likely to be different from the last. Use this guide to...



...read about the fascinating creatures that inhabit the seashore and discover what is so amazing about them.



...take outside with you to see what you can find and identify, then tick off the things you see.



...have fun playing with the stickers on the fold-out seashore play scene at the back.

Harder to spot



What can you find?

What can you see, hear, feel and touch on the beach? The taste of salt on your skin? The feel of the sand under your feet? Or perhaps some of these things...

Rough sea urchins
These ridged cases, or tests, were once covered in spines.



Slimy seaweed
Many seaweeds are slimy, like this sugar kelp.



Hard limpets
Clinging onto rocks, limpets are impossible to move.



Soft anemones
When closed, these animals are like jelly to touch.





Noisy gulls
Look around you and listen. Can you hear any screeching gulls?



Silent starfish
Very small tubes under their arms push starfish quietly along the seabed.





Looking for seashells

Most shells are empty when you find them, but the hard outer shell once protected a soft animal inside. Shells have been used for money, as musical instruments and as useful tools.



Scallops
Scallops open and close their shells to move along the seabed.



Piddocks
Angel-wings, or piddocks, bore holes in rock and firm sand.

Whelks
These common spiral shells come in many different colours and sizes.



Winkles
Look for these sea snails on the upper shore, where they feed on seaweed.

Cockles
Cockles can be white, pale yellow or brown. They are often eaten.



Razor shells
These long, fragile sea creatures live under the sand. The shells can be straight or curved.