

# The Sand Castle

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I am busy building a **castle** in the sand when a girl comes over to watch.

"Hi," she says. "My name is Rosie. Can I watch what you're doing?"

"Hi, I'm Harry," I say. "It's fine if you watch."

I continue to dig in the sand with my **spade**. Rosie moves closer. She sees another spade nearby. "Can I dig with this spade?" she asks.

"Sure," I say. I keep working on my sand castle. I put sand in a bucket. Then I tip the bucket over and lift it carefully.

Rosie sees another bucket and asks, "Can I use this bucket?"

"Go ahead," I tell her. Rosie watches what I am doing. Then she fills her bucket with sand. She tips the bucket over and lifts it off the sand.

"That looks good," I say. "Do you want to help me

finish building my sand castle?"

Rosie says, "Yes please." Together we dig with our spades and pack the sand in buckets. The castle gets bigger and bigger.

"I think the castle is finished," I say.

"Wait a minute. I'll be right back," says Rosie.

When Rosie comes back, she has some small stones. We use them to **decorate** the castle. The stones make the castle look fancy.

"Now it's finished," Rosie says. We both smile.



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## Comprehension Questions

- In this story, two children
  - sit in the sand.
  - collect stones.
  - build a sand castle.
- Harry tells Rosie she can use the second spade because
  - he needs two spades to dig.
  - he is not using it.
  - he wants her to go away.
- What is the meaning of the word **decorate** in this story?
  - to make something fancy
  - to share with a friend
  - to ask someone questions
- What happens after Rosie gets the small stones?
  - Harry tells Rosie his name.
  - Rosie and Harry decorate the castle.
  - Rosie watches Harry dig in the sand.
- The word that best describes Harry is
  - selfish.
  - unhappy.
  - friendly.