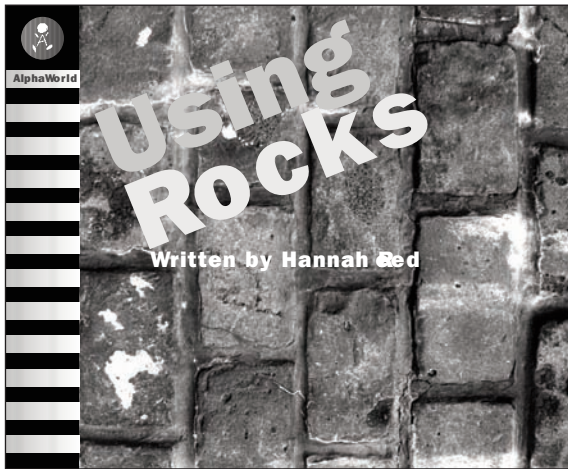


Using Rocks



Topic: Things and places

Curriculum link: Technology – materials, systems

Text type: Report

Reading level: 4

Word count: 62

High-frequency words: these, are, this, is, a, from, too, it

Vocabulary: rocks, path, wall, bridge

Possible literacy focus:

What information is contained in the words?

What information is in the pictures?

Using an index.

Reading factual texts.

Using initial letters and letter clusters to predict words.

Follow-up activities

Book browsing

Supply the children with a range of books with pictures of buildings, statues and other structures. The children can browse through the books and discuss the objects they see. They can write a list of things they see that are made from rock.

Things made from rock
bridge
fence
statue
wall
house
library
train station

Word game

Write the content words from the book onto cards: rocks, path, wall, bridge. In small groups children use the cards to play a guessing game. One child chooses a card and gives a series of clues to the other children in their group. The children guess what the word is. Every child has a turn.

Building

Using Lego blocks (or similar), children can make structures from the book that are made from rock (e.g. wall, bridge, pyramid, path, castle, seat). Encourage the children to use the pictures in the book as a guide for their construction. When finished the children can write a label for their model, e.g. "This is a pyramid."

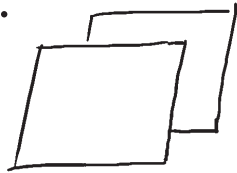
Rock construction



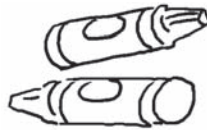
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playdough

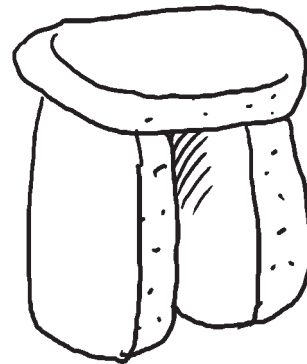


card



textas

1. Make something made from rock.
2. Write a sign.



This table is made from rock.

Sorting rocks



You will need:



a variety of rocks

1. Sort your rocks into different groups.



smooth rocks



sharp rocks



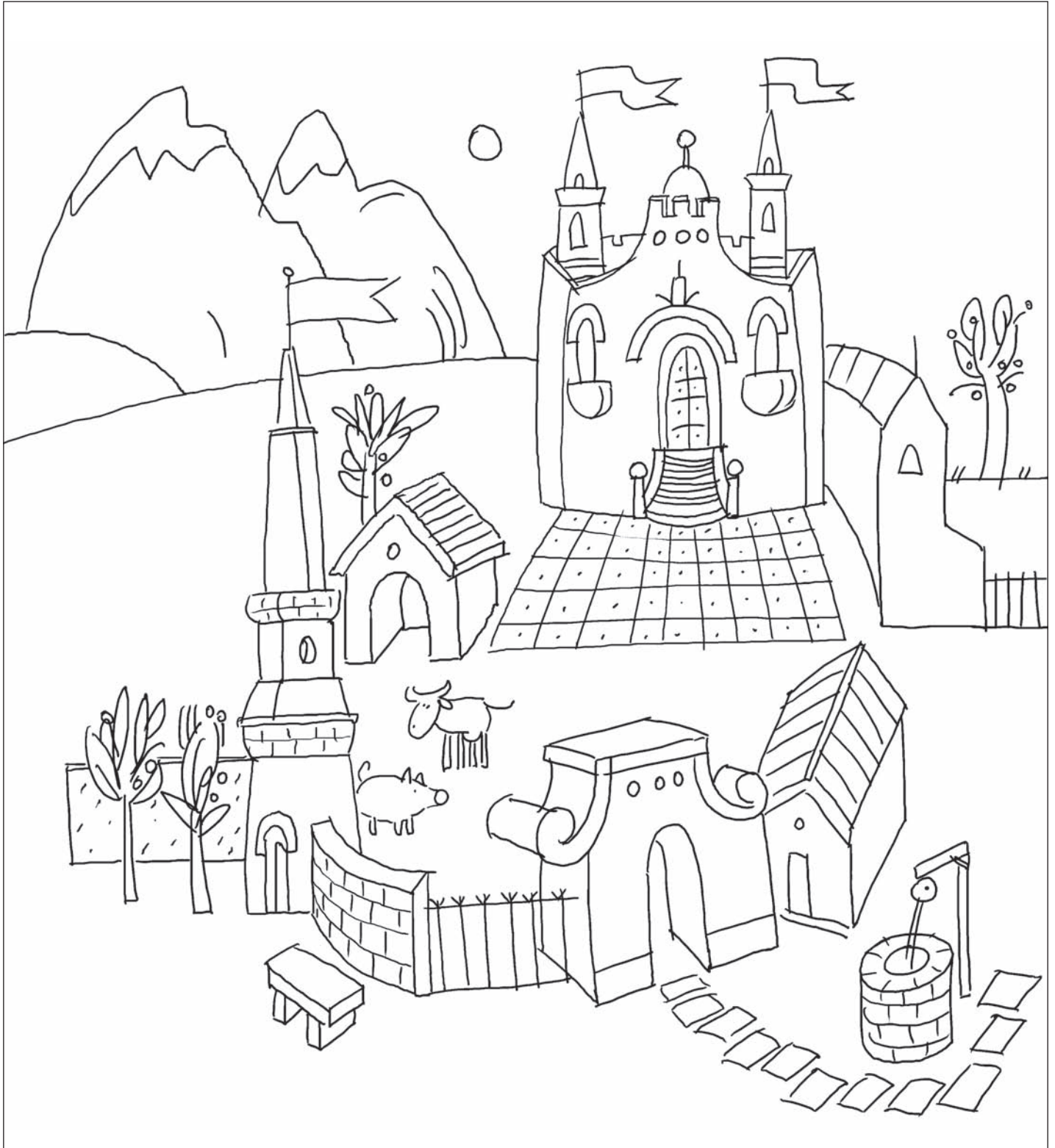
lumpy rocks

2. Write about why they are in these groups.

Name _____

Made from rock?

Colour the things in the picture that are made from rock.



Instructions Ask children to colour in the things in the picture that are made from rock. On the back of the sheet, they can add two more things that are made from rock.

Name _____

Make a book

Make a book about things made from rock.

castle



bridge



house



wall



path



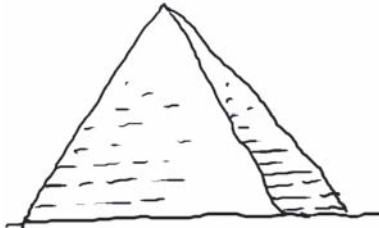
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well



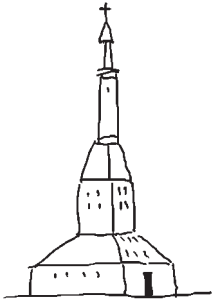
pyramid



mountains



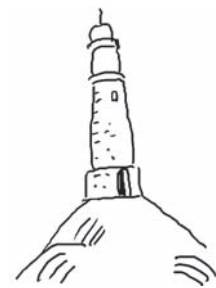
tower



statue



lighthouse



Instructions Ask children to use the words in the word bank to make a book about things made from rock.