

The Magic Sandcastle

Practice Questions

A Their aunt and uncle

B They were wearing bright blue swimming costumes/ jelly shoes. (Either answer is acceptable)

1 Tia is feeling miserable because it is starting to rain

2 Aunt Mariah says the rain is sea spray

3 A café

4 Krishma wanted to feel the sand between her toes

5 The girls were told to be back in ten minutes, so they would be back by the time their drinks arrived/ so they wouldn't be on their own for too long/ so Mariah and Zakib would not be worried

6 An old spade

7 Build a sandcastle

8 A dirty stone. Some seaweed.

9 They wanted to make it look nice/ to finish it off/ to be proud of it (**Note to parent-** Your child can give his own reasoning)

10 Strange

11 Any change of weather is mentioned i.e it was raining and it is now sunny/ it was a bad weather and is now sunny. (**Note to parent** -do not accept 'sunny' only there must be understanding of the change)

12 Jewels

13 Krishma thought it was magic

14 The seaweed had been replaced by jewels/ the sandcastle looked much better than before.

(The castle was covered with jewels is a **low weightage answer**)

How to Build a Sandcastle

Practice Questions

A How to build a sandcastle

B The library and the Internet

15 You need five things

16 Shells

17 You add a little water to stop the sandcastle crumbling

18 The sea

19 Pat the bucket three times

20 Spill the sand

21 You can build a wall or a road to join them together

21 A or B

Suggestions: The magic sandcastle, because it was a mystery/ I liked the characters/ the ending was good/ it used some good descriptions etc.

Instructions on how to build a sandcastle, because I have learnt something/ there were interesting facts/ I liked the way it was set out in bullet points etc.

Note to parent- it is a good idea to ask your child this frequently when they are reading stories or other non-fiction texts- encourage them to give reasons for their preferences. This will develop their skills in sharing opinions.