

Name _____

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Build a Castle

You can build your very own castle if you have a plan and lots of sand. The next time you are on a sandy beach, just follow these simple steps. 18
30

First, imagine the kind of castle you would like to make and, if you want to, draw a diagram on a piece of paper. Then find a place to build your castle that is not too close or too far away from the water. Near your spot, dig a hole with your hands until you find sand that is very wet. This is the sand you will scoop out and use to make your castle. 46
65
83
102
105

Begin by making towers from the wet sand you scooped. Take some sand and shape it into a pancake, making a big pancake for the bottom and smaller pancakes as you stack them up into a tower. After you make one tower, pour a little water on it to help keep the tower from falling apart. Then build another tower and pour water on that one, and keep making towers until you have as many as you want according to your diagram. 119
134
151
167
183
187

You can connect the towers by making walls between them. To make the walls, take some wet sand and shape it into a brick. Put one brick on top of another one until your wall is as high as you want. 201
219
228

Finally, smooth the walls and towers with a flat tool like a small sand shovel. Then step back and admire your castle. 243
250

Once the tide comes in, you will have to build a new castle all over again the next day! 267
269

3 Copyright © Pearson Education, Inc., or its affiliates. All Rights Reserved.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 In building a castle, when do you connect the towers?

- before you make a pancake shape
- before you stack up the pancakes
- after you admire your castle
- after you make two or more towers

2 What is the first step in making a sand castle?

- finding some wet sand and scooping it up
- thinking about what kind of castle you want
- drawing a diagram of the castle on paper
- finding a good place to build the castle

3 When do you use a flat tool to smooth the walls?

- after building the walls
- before you pour a little water on the towers
- before you make the towers
- while you are digging the hole

4 When should you pour water on the towers?

- as soon as one tower dries
- just before the towers fall
- after you make each tower
- after you have as many towers as you want

5 Why would you have to rebuild your sand castle the next day?

3 Copyright © Pearson Education, Inc., or its affiliates. All Rights Reserved.