

TASK CARDS

BEAUTY CONTEST

Pretend you are the judges at the International Shell and Driftwood Beauty Contest. Pick the first, second, and third place winners. Also pick the last place contestant

DRIFTWOOD DRIFT

Find a piece of driftwood. Toss the wood in the water as far as you can. Which way does it float? Why? If you can get them out far enough, you might be able to see the effects of the current.

SEA SOUNDS

Sit by the shore with your eyes closed. What do you hear? Is the sea silent? Do the sea sounds come and go or are they continuous? How would you describe the sound of the sea? Do birds add their sounds? Guess what kinds of birds you are hearing. Can you imitate them?

SHELL FIND

Find as many different kinds of shells as you can in three minutes. How many are univalves? How many are bivalves? Leave the shells on the beach for other children to find.

DIG, DIG, DIG

Dig a hole one-foot deep. Collect everything you find in a pile. What living things did you find? What non-living things did you find? Remember to cover up your hole before you leave. Limit this to one or two holes, so that you don't disturb the entire beach.

LITTER

Collect litter. Put all your litter in one spot. What clues does it tell you about who has been there? Make a story based on the litter you find. Put the litter in a bag to throw away.

BEACH COLLAGE

Collect a small pile of shells. Can you identify the different shells you collected? Make a picture in the sand using the shells you collected. Driftwood and unusual rocks can also be added to your picture.

SAND TRACKS

Find some tracks in the sand. Who made them? What was the animal doing when it made the tracks? Make some tracks of your own and see if your friends can tell what you were doing from looking at your tracks.

DANGER!

Pick a spot on the beach. Think about your spot. What kinds of plants and animals live there? Name as many as you can. Think of any dangers these plants and animals will face because you are visiting the beach. List four dangers you think they will face.

SEAWEED SMELLS

Pick up some different kinds of seaweed and smell them. What does your nose tell you? Do they smell different? How do they feel?

CRAB WALK

Practice a crab walk, using your hands and feet and facing upward. Now try making just your hands walk like a crab. Cross them at the wrists and move your fingers as if you were walking forward, backward, and sideways. See how the fingers of one hand pull and those of the other hand push—just the way a crab moves.

BEACH CRIME

Look for evidence of a beach mystery. If you find a clamshell that is broken open—who done it? If you find trash on the beach, or holes bored in a piece of driftwood—who done it? Decide how the crime happened and how long ago, who the villain was and how it could have been prevented (as in the case with trash on the beach).