

Introduction



“PEBBLES CAN HAVE ADVENTURES TOO.”

It sounds a bit strange, but let's have fun. Have you ever found a funny shaped stone or piece of wood on the beach or in the garden? You know, you are just walking along and it sort of jumps out at you. No I don't mean it really leaps onto your back. If seaside pebbles did that, I would stay away from the seaside. NO, you know what I mean; the stone or wood just catches your eye. It might be the shape, or the colour. It could be that the stone or wood bark looks a bit like a face.

Have you thought, that, the pebble might be noticing you? Maybe the pebble is fed up of being just one among thousands of pebbles on the beach. Maybe it wants to be different. Maybe it wants to get away. It might have decided that you can help it.

Who knows?

Stones are very special. They have been around such a long time. Many were born long before the time of the dinosaurs. They must have led long and exciting lives.

Maybe our pebble has had some adventures already.

OK, I suppose that pebbles can't talkwell, as far as we know, but allowing something that hasn't a voice, to speak makes great stories.

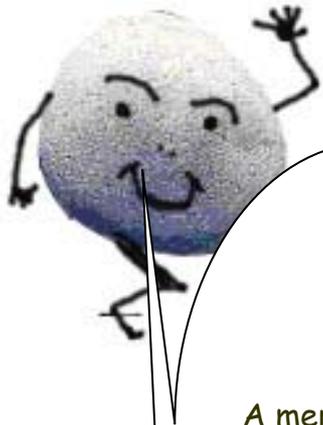
For you older authors, who like BIG words, this is called PERSONIFICATION.

Note for teachers and parents.

Look at the “inspiration” sheet together now
A selection of stones and pebbles to handle, would greatly enhance this story activity.

So have you got ideas for stories?

Then, very politely, ask your scribes to write for you.



What adventures has the pebble had?
Draw all the strange things the pebble has seen.

A large rounded rectangular area for drawing, containing the following text prompts:

- A shark?
- An octopus?
- A mermaid?
- Unusual plants?
- Strange shells?

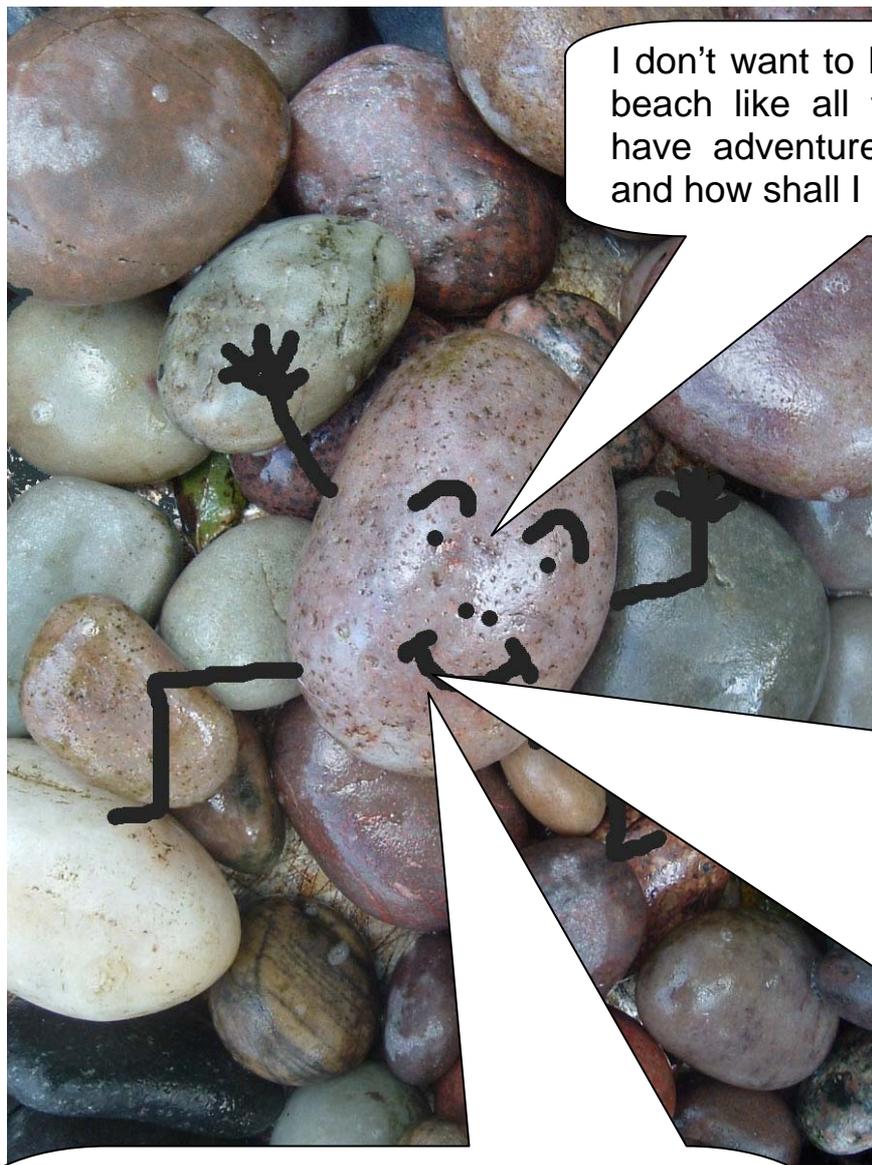
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Pebbles Can Have Adventures Too.

Author _____

Scribe _____



I don't want to be *just* a stone on the beach like all the others. I want to have adventures. Where shall I go, and how shall I get off the beach?

Pebbles
can have
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too.

Once I was part of a great cliff. Then the sea washed me away and made me round and smooth.

I have seen wonderful things. Sometimes the sea was sparkling and blue. Sometimes there were wild and ragged storms.

I have met sharks, whales and some very strange sea creatures indeed.

Go on, ask me if I have met a mermaid?

I have heard about other stones, who live with humans in things called 'rings' or 'necklaces'.

I met a shiny little red stone in a ring once. She got lost on the beach and had to wait until her human came to find her. I would like to meet her again. I wonder if I would be good in a ring. After all, I am far bigger.

**Have you ever picked up a stone and taken it home?
I wonder if it had a story to tell.**

Story ideas (*Don't forget to give the stone a name.*)

- 1. What does the stone look like?**
- 2. What adventures has the stone already had in the sea?**
- 3. What adventures will the stone have on the land?**
- 4. Will he / she get to meet some real jewels? Will they think he is too ordinary?**
- 5. Of course, this may be no ordinary stone. We all know what happens when strange rings get picked up. Maybe this stone has special powers. What can it do?**