

# Rock Pool Craft

**Objective:** To learn some words associated with the sea.

**Materials:** Copies of the 2 sheets.

**Scissors.**

**Color pencils or crayons.**

**Glue.**

In this activity the children will learn some new sea-creature vocabulary (crab, fish, squid, starfish, octopus and seahorse) as they create their own rock pool.

The children will need one copy each of the rock pool and the creature sheet. Start by talking through the sea creature names. Next ask the students to color each sea creature. If the children can manage it have them cut out the creatures, help any children that are having difficulty. Note: The sea creatures have a cutting line drawn around them so that the children don't spend 10 minutes trying to cut around each of the octopus's legs!

Have the children color the rock pool sheet and then decide where to paste their creatures. Finally ask them to write their names in the box.

As with any craft the time spent coloring, cutting and pasting is an ideal opportunity to use English in a natural way. For example:

- Ask the children if they can name any of the creatures before you start.
- Designate one child to fetch the crayons or pencils. This allows you and the children to decide how many sets you need, the children must then use 'Here you are' 'Thank you' as they are passed out.
- Select a creature to color and ask the children what color it should be.
- Cutting can be a very quiet time, as the children concentrate on using their scissors. Fill this time by talking to the students about the creatures they are cutting.
- Discuss with each child the positioning of their creatures in the rock pool.

Finally don't to forget praise each child on her, or his, completed craft however far from your expected image it may have turned out!

Color, cut and paste.



