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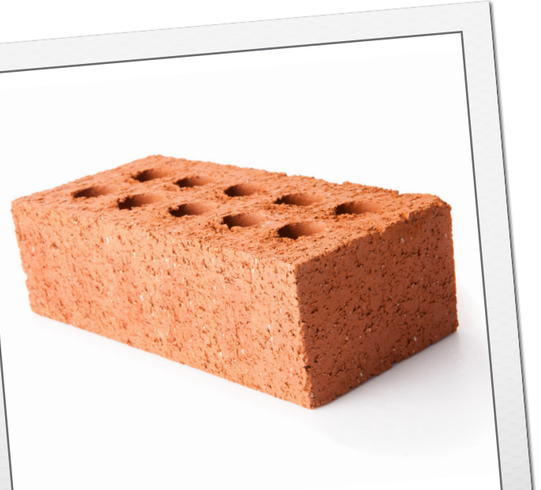
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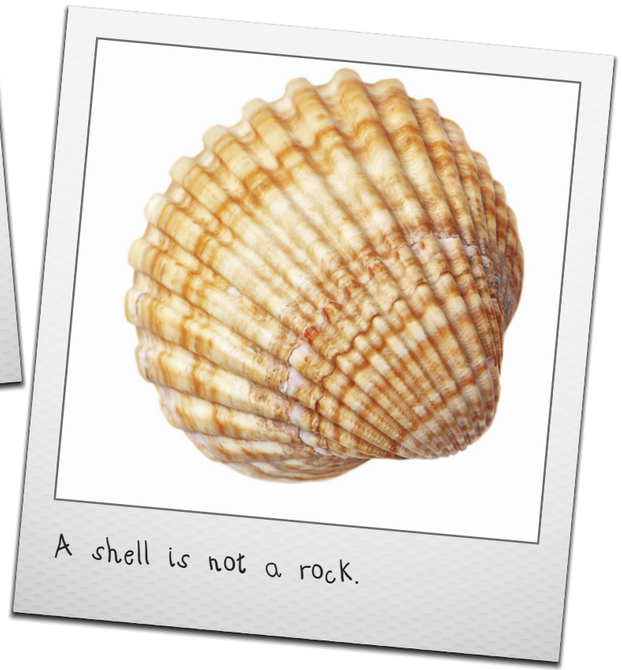
I love rocks, and I love to collect rocks.



My friends like to add to my rock collection.
Sometimes they give me things that are not rocks.



A brick can be made of rocks of different sizes, but bricks are not rocks.



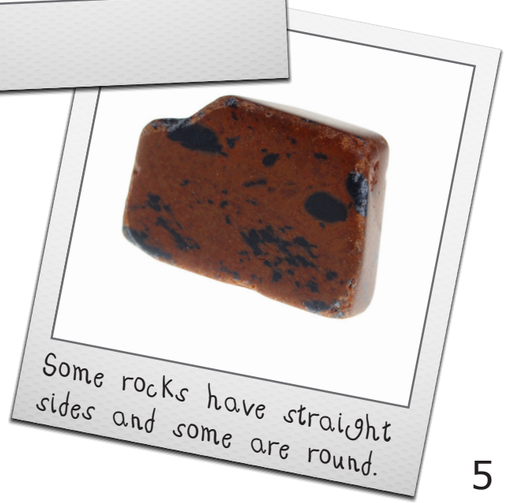
A shell is not a rock.

I have rocks of many different shapes.





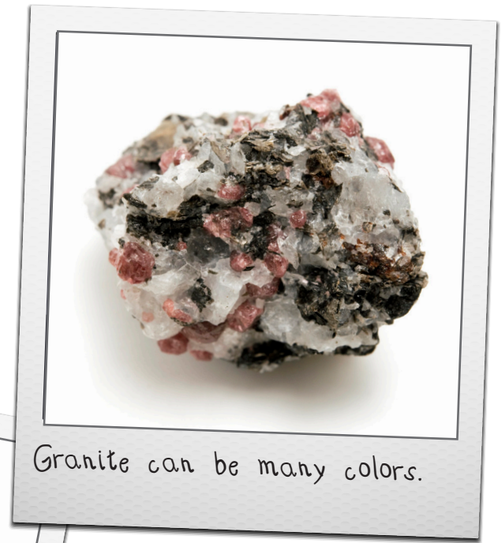




Some rocks have straight sides and some are round.

I have rocks of many different colors.





Granite can be many colors.









I have rocks with layers and stripes.



Rocks like gneiss (pronounced "nice") have layers. This one looks like a sandwich!

I have rocks with spots and sparkle.



Snowflake obsidian has white spots.

I have rocks that feel rough.



I have rocks that feel smooth.

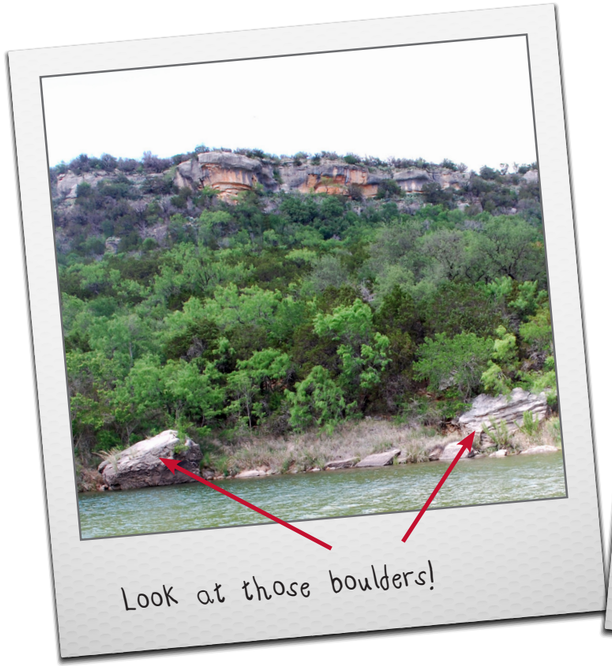


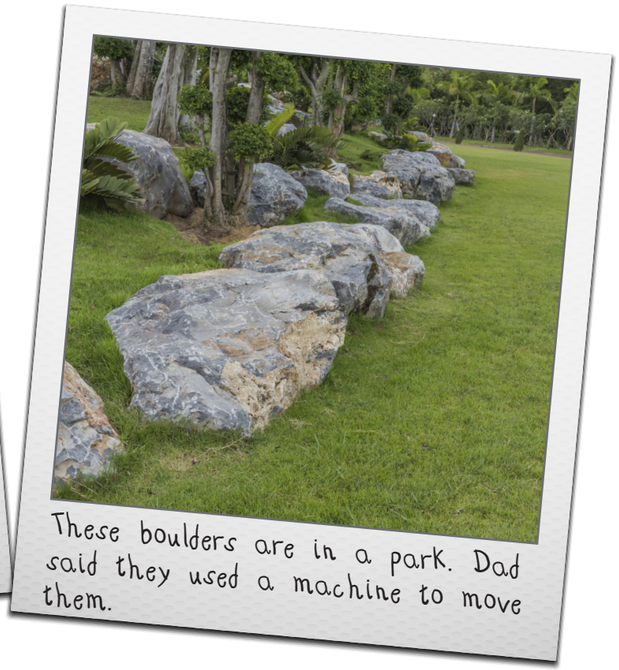
Most of my rocks fit in my hand, but rocks can be different sizes.



Boulders are big rocks.

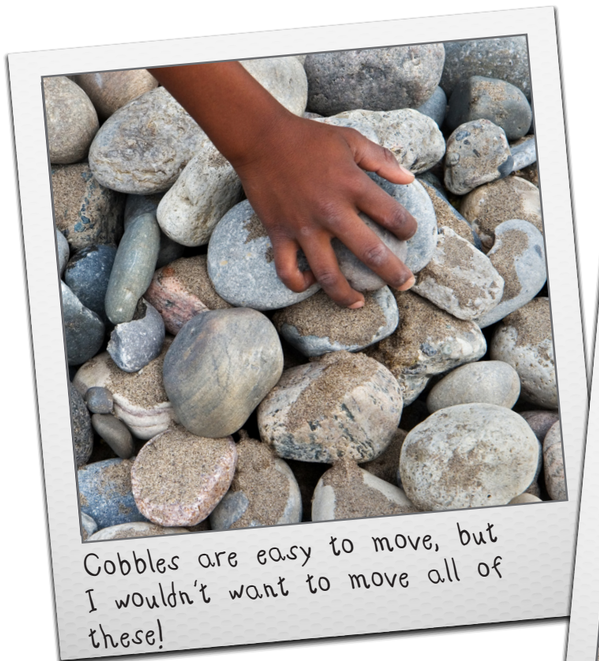
Boulders are smaller than mountains and larger than soccer balls. I have pictures of boulders because they are not easily moved.



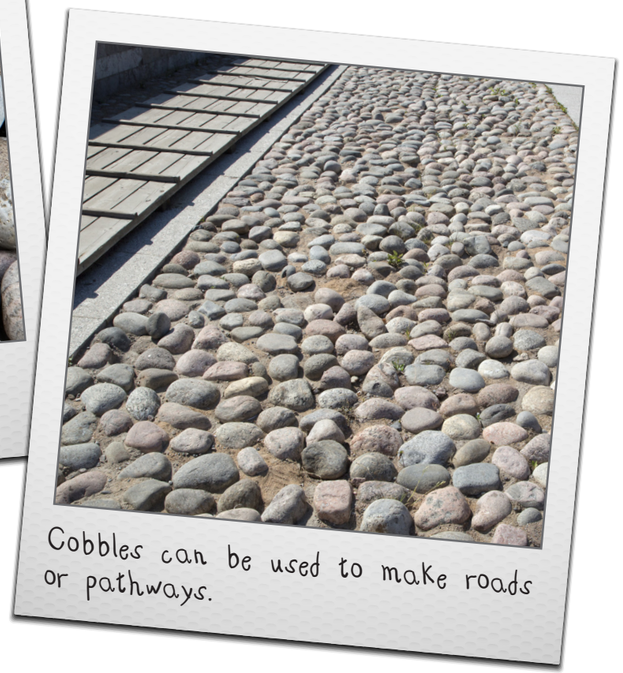


Cobbles are medium-size rocks.

Cobbles are smaller than boulders and larger than pebbles.



Cobbles are easy to move, but I wouldn't want to move all of these!



Cobbles can be used to make roads or pathways.

Pebbles are small rocks.

Pebbles are smaller than cobbles and larger than grains of sand.







A grain of sand is a tiny piece of rock.



I love rocks. Do you?



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