

Drawing in the Sand

Narrator : You're sitting on the floor of your hut in Ethiopia. The ground is dry and dusty - touch it with the palm of your hand. Look out of your hut to the North - there's the big mountain in the distance. When it rains, water comes down the mountain and into the river. But the river's been dry for months. With your finger, draw the mountain in the dust on the floor. Are you copying it precisely? How many peaks does it have?

Mum : [*irritated*] Are you drawing again?

Narrator : Shake your head. Cover up your drawing.

Mum: I'm trying to feed your baby brother, keep the goats healthy and run this entire household whilst *you're* trying to become an artist. In a drought!

Narrator : Rub away the mountain in the dust.

1. What two adjectives describe the ground? _____
2. What three jobs does mum say she is having to do on her own?

3. What does the word precisely mean? _____
4. Why do try to hide your picture of the mountain? _____
5. How do you think you might feel about drawing in the sand? Explain your answer.
