

SEASHELL

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When I hold a seashell to my ear
Always the oceans' whispers I can hear.
Like gentle waves of crashing sea
It tells me of beings living free.



I listen deeper to the story in the shell
Of times when ancient Bushman were living well
Walking along the coast eating bounties of seashore food
Good for the brain, some scientists say too.

Collect them they did on spring low tide days
And left piles of shells next to the bays -
Alikreukel, limpets, mussels and abalone
Mixed in you may even find some seal or whale bone.

Maybe one day you will find a strandloper midden
In the sand dunes or caves where shells have become hidden
And discover the amazing stories they tell
Of the past 100 000 years of people and shells.

FIND the following shells and
COUNT how many are in the picture:

1. Alikreukel _____
2. Limpet _____
3. Abalone _____
4. Fan shell _____

LIVING IN HARMONY

Pretend you were a Bushman living at the seashore with your family. Use your imagination to guide you.

Make seashell necklaces. Use bigger shells as bowls for food and smaller shells as tools.