

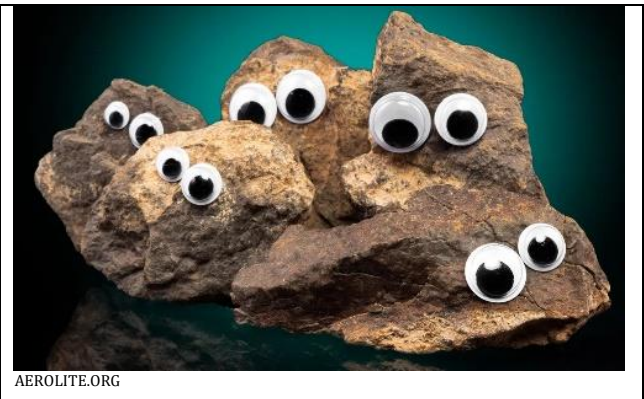
My Pet Rock

An activity of "Tee and Boba".

Read "Tee and Boba" (page 28, *What's Up* April 2023). In the comics, Boba mentions that the pigeon is not his pet. Although he shares his food with the bird, perhaps he does not want to be responsible for it. Keeping a pet is a big responsibility and takes commitment. To reflect on what it takes, try keeping a different type of pet!

1. Go outdoors and select a small rock to be your pet. You can add eyes and decorate or dress up your rock. Give it a name.

Here are two examples for inspiration.



2. Create a suitable space, say a jar, for your pet rock.

Design it to meet the imaginary needs of your rock.

Think of how you can create a beautiful, and even comforting space for your rock. You may use the jar to decorate your living space!

3. Imagine that your pet rock has a personality and needs that you plan to meet. Complete the following table with key points relating to the care of your imaginary pet — the rock — as if it were a living thing. As the rock is an imaginary pet, you can be as creative as you wish to be. There are no right or wrong answers.

Rock Care Table

Type of Rock	Cost of care
Unique features/ abilities	Temperament
Space requirements	Diet
Grooming needs	Entertainment needs
Any restrictions	Other considerations

4. Write a short descriptive paragraph, titled "My Amazing Pet Rock". You may include:
- information from your Rock Care Table
 - what having the rock as an imaginary pet means to you
 - differences between imaginary pets such as rocks and real living pets.

5. Have a Rock Show in class with all students displaying their pet rocks on their desks, along with the descriptive paragraphs about them.