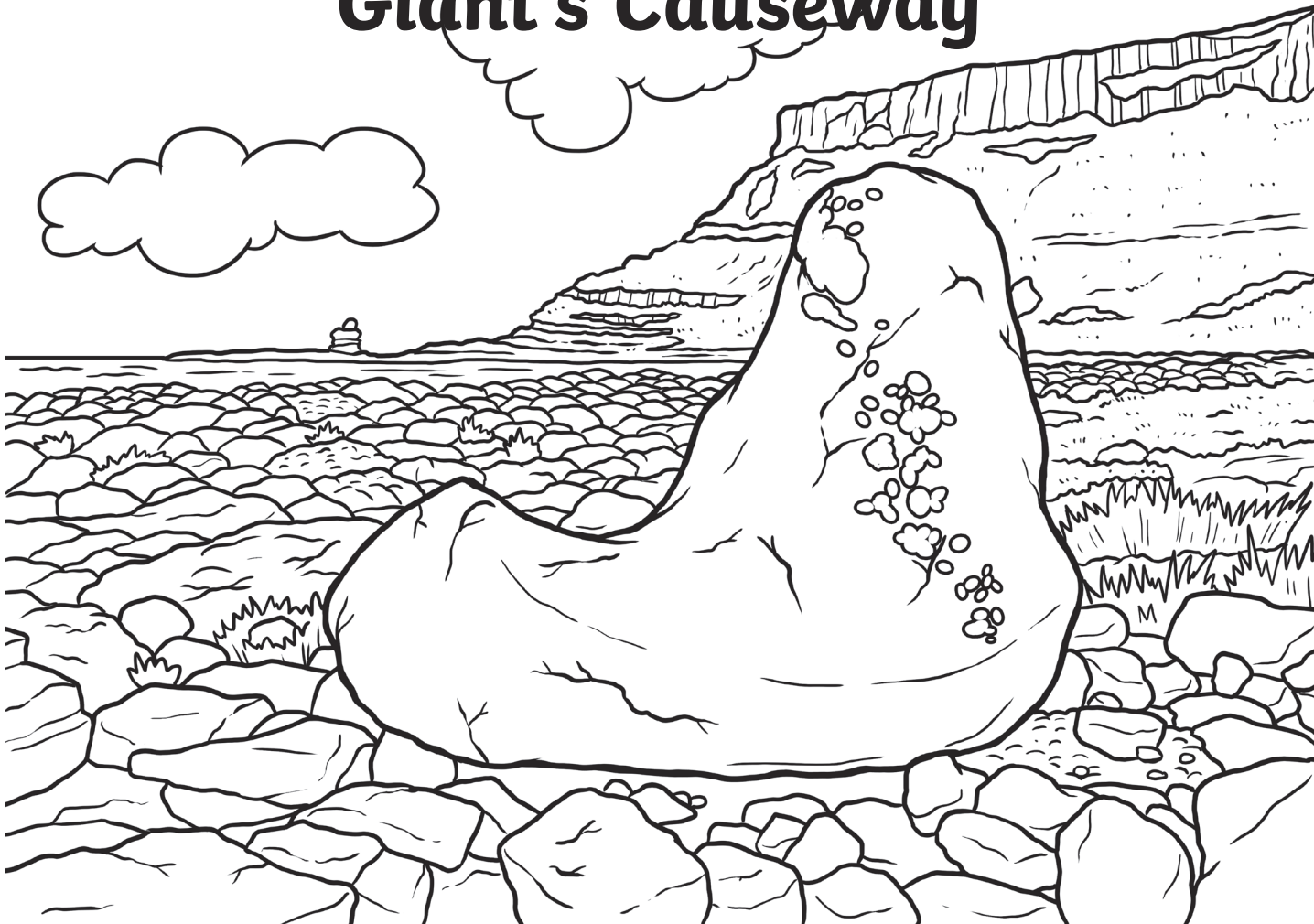


# Mia and Dan at the Giant's Causeway



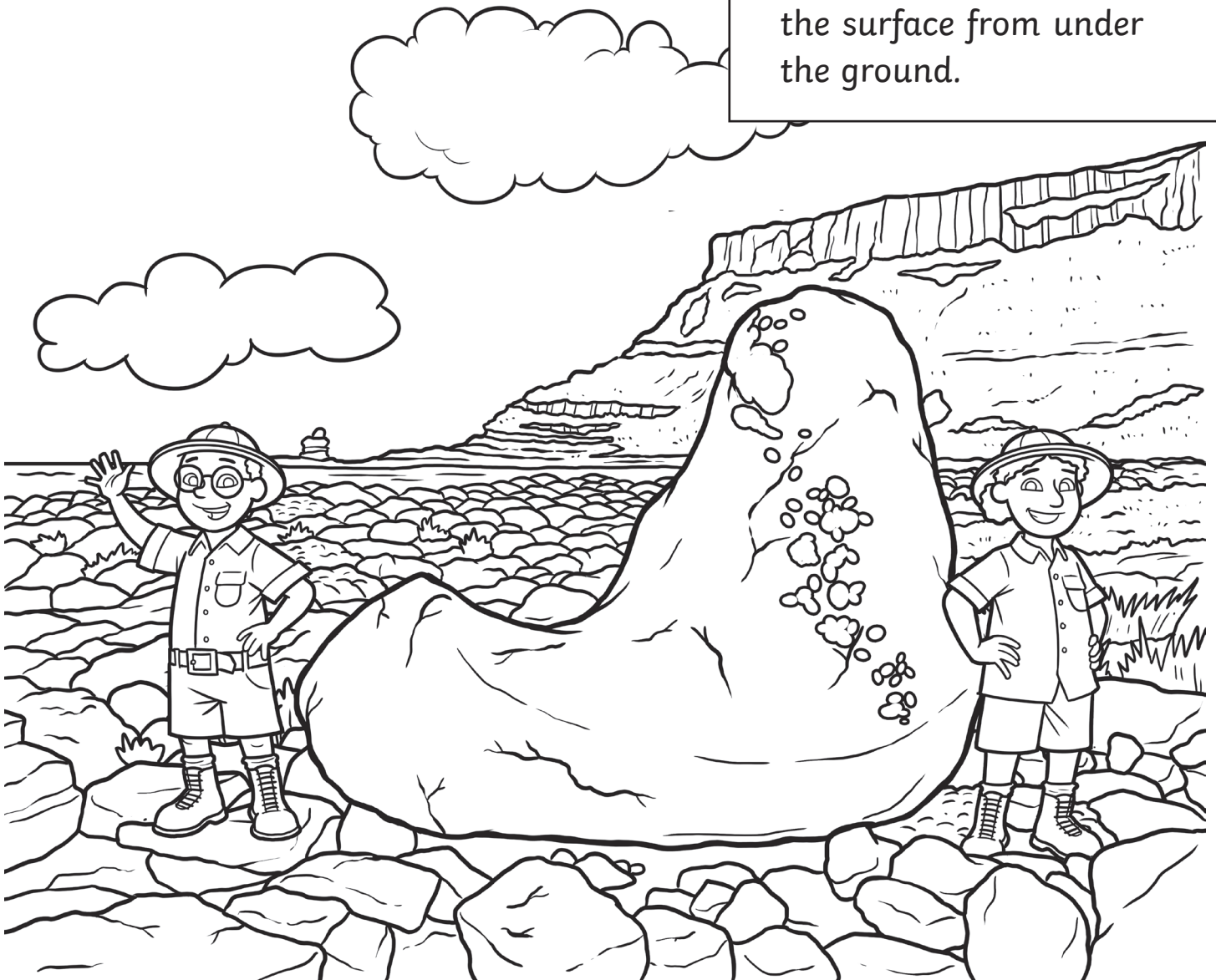
Today, Mia and Dan are at the Giant's Causeway in County Antrim. This is a very special place by the sea. A causeway is a path that crosses low or wet ground. Every year, millions of people from all over the world visit the causeway to see the hexagon-shaped rock columns here.

The Giant's Causeway got its name from the story told about how it was formed. The story goes that the giant called Finn McCool wanted to fight a giant from Scotland, so he made a pathway with the stone columns so he could cross the sea. Mia and Dan can see a huge rock shaped like a giant boot. Maybe it's Finn's!



Scientists believe that the rock columns were made by volcanic activity around 50-60 million years ago. They think there was once a lava 'flood' in the area and that the lava cooled and cracked to make the stone pillars. Mia and Dan have found out that the columns are made of a type of rock called basalt.

**Lava** is molten (melted) rock that has come to the surface from under the ground.



# Activites

1. Colour the pictures.

2. Are these sentences true or false? Ring one.

a) The Giant's Causeway is in County Antrim.

True / False

b) All of the rock pillars are shaped like triangles.

True / False

c) One of the rocks looks like a giant star.

True / False

d) Scientists believe the rocks formed when lava cooled and cracked.

True / False

3. Fill in the Missing Words – Check the passage to help you

Mia and Dan are at the \_\_\_\_\_ Causeway in County \_\_\_\_\_.  
A causeway is a \_\_\_\_\_ that crosses low or \_\_\_\_\_ ground. Every year,  
\_\_\_\_\_ of people from all over the \_\_\_\_\_ visit the causeway to see  
the stones.

4. How is the Giant's Causeway like a jigsaw?

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5. What type of rock are the columns made of?

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## Extra Task:

As well as the Giant's Boot, there are rocks called the Giant's Eyes and a rock called the Wishing Chair. Those who want a wish granted can sit in the chair, so it is very popular. What do you think the Wishing Chair looks like? Draw Mia and Dan sitting in it.