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Hunting for Shark Teeth

By Kelly Hashway



Trina squished her toes in the wet sand. She'd spent every morning that week searching the beach for a shark tooth. Everyone said Myrtle Beach was famous for shark teeth. But Trina hadn't found a single one.

Something pointy and T-shaped caught her eye. She reached for it and held it up against the shark tooth necklace her parents had bought her at one of the tourist shops. It wasn't exactly the same, but it kind of looked like a shark tooth.

"Did you find one?" her father asked.

Trina shrugged. "It looks like a shark tooth, but it might just be a seashell."

"Let me see," her father said, reaching for it. He brought it up to his face and turned it all around. Then he held it up to the sun and examined it some more. "It could be a shark tooth."

Trina didn't want to be unsure. She wanted a shark tooth. And not one that her parents bought at a store. She had to find one for herself.

Her father held it out to her. "Here."

"If we can't be sure it's a shark tooth, then I don't want it," Trina said.

Her father patted her shoulder and put the possible shark tooth in

his pocket. Trina continued searching among the seashells. Out of the corner of her eye, she saw her father walk a little way down the beach. Trina searched and searched. But all she found were shells and a broken sand dollar.

“Trina, it’s time to go in,” her mother said, folding up the beach chair.

“Just a few more minutes,” Trina said.

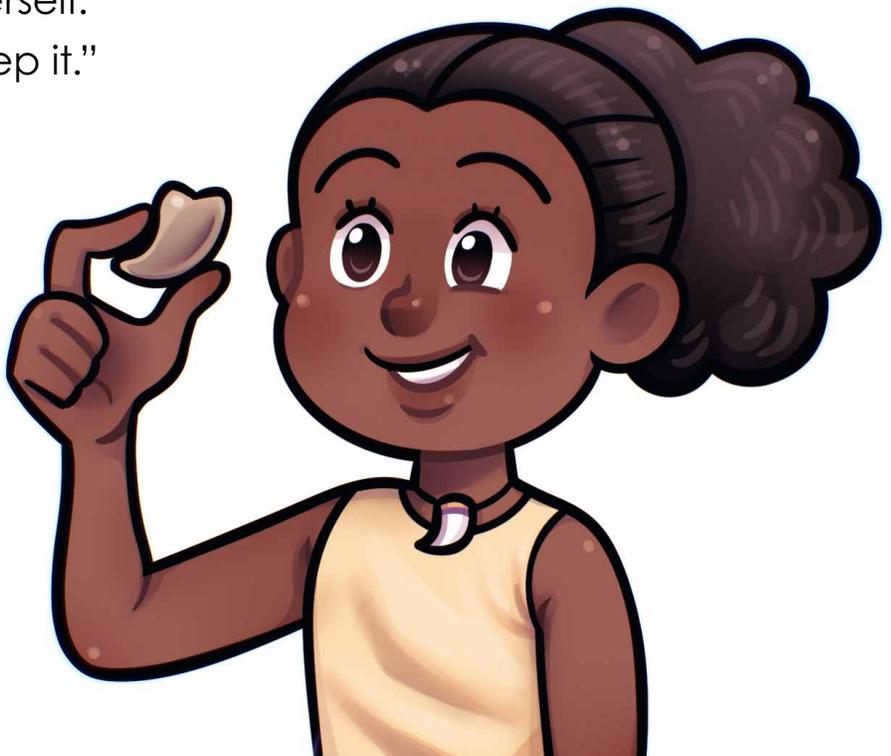
“Sorry, honey. We have reservations for brunch, and you need to get all that sand off you before we go.”

Trina stood up and brushed the sand from her shorts. She’d be leaving in the afternoon, so this was her last chance to find a shark tooth. She stared at the beach and sighed.

“Trina!” her father said, running up to her. “I asked a few people on the beach if they thought this was a shark tooth and they all said it could be. I think you should keep it.” He handed the tooth to her.

Trina ran her finger over the sharp point at the top. Maybe it was a shark tooth. Maybe it wasn’t. Either way it was pretty cool looking, and she had found it herself.

“Yeah, I think I will keep it.”



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1. On what beach does this story take place?

2. Which fact is true, according to the story?

- a. Trina already has a shark tooth.
- b. Trina has been searching for seashells.
- c. Trina has collected many shark teeth.
- d. At the end of the story, Trina knew she had found a real shark's tooth.

3. Is Trina on vacation, or does she live by the beach? Explain how you know.

4. Does this story take place in the morning or evening? Explain.

5. What type of story is this?

- a. science fiction
- b. biography
- c. fantasy
- d. realistic fiction

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story. Then, write the full words on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



1. ____ a ____ p

clue: antonym for dull

1. _____

2. ____ a ____ d ____ ll ____ r

clue: a flat, round sea creature that lives in the sand

2. _____

3. ____ ____ c k ____ ____

clue: small bag sewn into clothing for carrying things

3. _____

4. ____ o u ____ i ____ t

clue: person who is on vacation

4. _____

5. ____ ____ c k ____ ____ c e

clue: jewelry worn around the neck

5. _____

6. ____ ____ u ____ ____ h

clue: meal that is eaten in the late morning instead of breakfast and lunch

6. _____

7. ____ ____ s e r ____ ____ ____ i o ____ s

clue: special times for meals that are booked with a restaurant

7. _____

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3. Is Trina on vacation, or does she live by the beach? Explain how you know.

She's on vacation because she'd been searching for shells all

week and would be leaving in the afternoon. The story also

says that her parents bought a necklace at a tourist shop.

4. Does this story take place in the morning or evening? Explain.

This story takes place in the morning. They are going to

clean up before eating brunch. Also, they are leaving in the

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1. sharp

2. s a n d d o l l a r

clue: a flat, round sea creature that lives in the sand

2. sand dollar

3. p o c k e t

clue: small bag sewn into clothing for carrying things

3. pocket

4. t o u r i s t

clue: person who is on vacation

4. tourist

5. n e c k l a c e

clue: jewelry worn around the neck

5. necklace

6. b r u n c h

clue: meal that is eaten in the late morning instead of breakfast and lunch

6. brunch

7. r e s e r v a t i o n s

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7. reservations