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# Hunting for Shark Teeth

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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



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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



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"Yeah, I think I will keep it."



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1. On what beach does this story take place?

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

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5. What type of story is this?

a. science fiction  
c. fantasy

b. biography  
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.



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carrying things

4. \_\_\_\_ o u \_\_\_\_ i \_\_\_\_ t

**clue:** person who is on vacation

5. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ c k \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ c e

**clue:** jewelry worn around the neck

6. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ u \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ h

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

7. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ s e r \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ i o \_\_\_\_ s

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

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In the story, "Hunting for Shark Teeth," Trina is looking for a shark's tooth so she can keep it as a souvenir of her trip to Myrtle Beach.

Write a paragraph to describe a souvenir that you brought home from a special place. Tell what the souvenir is, where you got it, who you were with, what you



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7. reservations