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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.

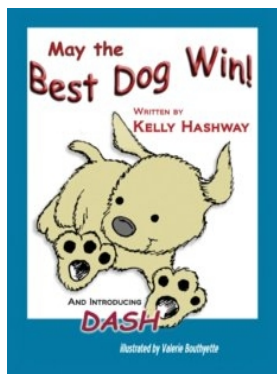
“Trina!” her father said, running up to her. “I asked a few people on the beach if they thought this was a shark tooth and they all said it could be. I think you should keep it.” He handed the tooth to her.

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.”

### About the the Author

## Kelly Hashway



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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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.

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

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.

Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. \_\_\_ a \_\_\_ p

**hint:** antonym for dull

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ a \_\_\_ d \_\_\_ l l \_\_\_ r

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

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_ c k \_\_\_

**hint:** small bag sewn into clothing for carrying things

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**hint:** person who is on vacation

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**hint:** jewelry worn around the neck

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 were doing there, and why it is a special object.

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The story says that she'd been searching for shells all week and she'd be leaving in the afternoon. The story also mentions that her parents bought a necklace at a tourist shop.

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This story takes place in the morning. They are going to clean up before eating brunch. Also, they are leaving in the afternoon.

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4. t o u r i s t

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4. tourist

5. n e c k l a c e

hint: jewelry worn around the neck

5. necklace

6. b r u n c h

hint: 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

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

7. reservations