



Found object vocabulary list

sun
ocean
water
clouds
shells
treasure
glass
splintered board
pelican feathers
wooden shoe
glass ball
skate egg pouch
plastic boat
abandoned rafts
sea urchin shell
message in a bottle
wooden floats
coconuts
sea turtle skull
sunken ship beam
sharks teeth
pile of rope
silver moonlight
waves
tracks
sand
dawn



Open an Out of the Ocean Museum!

*What did you find?
Where did it come from?*

Invite children to bring objects that have washed ashore. Have a display table ready, and print up plenty of **museum labels** to fill out. If possible, set up the museum table near the place where you later plan to read the story. You might want to provide a few objects for children to research for the museum before the reading, or borrow items from a nearby **museum's ocean kit** for children.

Sharks' Teeth Hunt

The *Ocean Journal* in **Out of the Ocean** tells how Debra learns to distinguish the dark, triangular shape of sharks' teeth from bits of shell and sand. Fill a **large tray** with a couple of inches of **sand**. Sprinkle with **sharks' teeth**. (see below) Invite each child to dig up a tooth with a **long handled teaspoon**. Provide tiny **bags or boxes** for carrying home.



Beach Photo

Snapshots taken at the beach were a big part of Debra's method for making the illustrations for **Out of the Ocean**. Invite your guests to create a wild beach **assortment of towels, masks, flippers, beach hats, sunglasses and floats**. Let them step into a **sandbox** (child's **plastic wading pool**) and pose in front of a **backdrop** of palm trees and water. (Paint a beach scene on cardboard, roll paper, a white sheet, or a shower curtain.) Advertise the photo booth, and use guests' **personal cameras**, or offer to take **instant pictures** for \$1.00 each.



Helpful Hints



Ordering information: **Sharks' teeth** can be purchased for \$5.00 per quarter pound (approximately 100), by calling Sea Pleasures and Treasures at (941) 488-3510.

Clean sand can be purchased at any large toy store.