

Rex picked up the shell, rubbing the wet sand off on his jacket and peering at its ridges and whorls. "Yeah, looks good," he murmured before pocketing it. He glanced over at Kamal, who was gaping at something in the rockpool.

"You okay?" called Rex, clambering over the slick rocks to reach him. Kamal didn't look up. He didn't even answer. He was gazing at something in the water. Rex crouched down to look closer but he could only see the smooth pebbles and undulating seaweed. Rex peered questioningly at Kamal, who was normally a ball of nervous energy. But now, he was statue-like.

"C'mon, there's nothing in here. Let's get off home." Rex turned his back and began making his way across the slippery moss growing on the rocks, leaving Kamal to his daydream.

But it wasn't a daydream. Kamal had spied something in that place. Something unusual. Something spectacular. Something that could change his life forever.

Jutting up just above the water's surface, impressed into the slate-coloured rock, was the shape of a wing, the intricate bone structures crisscrossing like a detailed sketch. And below that, under the surface, the rest of the impression completed the fossil. Kamal knew his dinosaurs; he knew that this was evidence of one of the rarest, most sought-after dinosaurs the natural world had spent years searching for in order to finally prove its existence. And now, here he was – Kamal, the kid from the ramshackle house down the road – looking directly at it. He felt like he'd struck gold.

Match the part of the beach with an activity suggested in the text.

whorls

moving up and down

impressed

made a mark on an object

undulating

having lots of small parts and details

intricate

spiral patterns

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What do you think this means?

Where is the extract set?

How do you know?

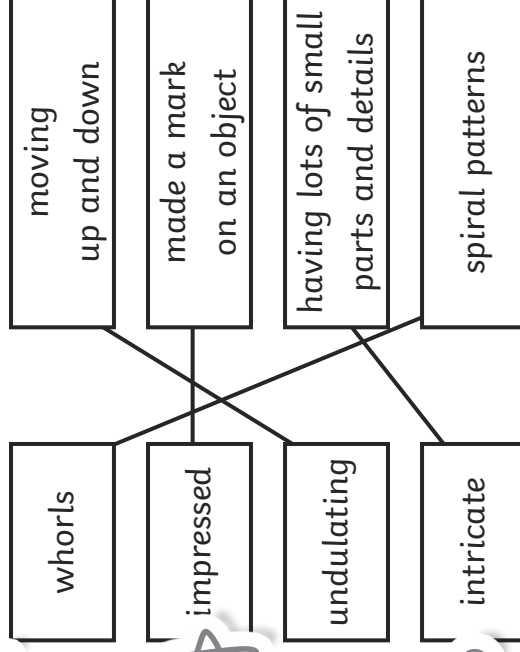
Write a summary of the extract in 20 words or less.

Find three words that have a similar meaning to the verb 'look'.

**And now, here he was – Kamal, the kid from the little house down the road – looking directly at it.**

Why do you think the author added the extra information between the dashes?

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Where is the extract set?

How do you know?

**It is set on a beach. The evidence for this includes:**

- The boys are at a rockpool.
- Rex finds a shell and rubs the sand off it.
- There is water and seaweed.
- There are rocks that are wet and mossy.

Write a summary of the extract in 20 words or less.

**Two boys are looking in rockpools. One finds a shell and the other finds a fossil of a rare dinosaur.**

**He felt like he'd struck gold.**

What do you think this means?

**Answers which suggest Kamal knows the find is important, for example:**

- It means that Kamal feels like what he's found could make him rich.
- It means that he knows there's a value to what he's found.
- Kamal knows the find is important because scientists have been searching for evidence.

Find three words that have a similar meaning to the verb 'look'.

**Any three from:**

- peering
- glanced
- gaping
- peered
- spied

**And now, here he was – Kamal, the kid from the little house down the road – looking directly at it.**

Why do you think the author added the extra information between the dashes?

**The author added the extra information to compare the importance of the find to Kamal and his life. Using the words 'kid' and 'little' helps the reader to see that Kamal is just an ordinary child who has found something extraordinary.**

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