

Flotsam – David Wiesner

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Before reading

About this book

A boy finds a camera on the beach and discovers that it has been used before by all kinds of people. After taking pictures, he throws it back into the sea for the next finder.



During reading

Create a story together in 1-2-3 times

1. Explore the book together

Enjoy the images, be amazed by the story and ask each other the basic questions on every page:

- What do you see? What happens?
- How do you see that?
- What else do you see?

2. Questions to talk about together

- Describe what happens after the boy finds the camera on the beach.
- How does that camera get from the sea to the beach? Why does the boy throw the camera into the sea?
- If you were walking on the beach, what would you want to find? Why? What would you do with it?

3. Think together about what the characters feel, think and say

Choose a person on the beach and an animal in the sea. How do they feel in the story and what do they say or could they say?

Learn new words together

We thought of these words as we read the story. Look at the words. They mean the same in Dutch and English, but they are written and pronounced differently.

Now choose one of the English words. Can you find the word in the book? Talk about this word together in your preferred language. What do you know about this word? Name as many words as you can that belong to this word (in your preferred language).

Now think of a word that appears in the book and write it down together in both languages. Name everything you know about this word.

English	Dutch	English	Dutch
the beach	het strand	the fantasy	de fantasie
the shovel	de schep	to smile	glimlachen
to throw	gooien	suprised	verbaasd
the photo	de foto	the octopus	de octopus
to wave	zwaaien	the magnifying glass	het vergrootglas
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After reading

Tell me... Continuing to talk together: questions for the oldest reader

Tell me about that time you were at the beach and saw something special.

Tell us about the most beautiful photo you ever took. Who or what was in the picture and why is it the most beautiful photo?

Do an activity together

What can you find on the beach? Can you make a treasure map of this together?