Scan the shoreline and sand bars at the Florida beaches you visit and mark on the box below the shells you find. Although the collection of sea shells is generally allowed statewide, if the shell contains a living organism, leave it where you found it. Some areas of Florida have collecting laws and penalties for their violation. To be certain, check signs or ask local officials.

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