Tone Drawing

A tone drawing includes shading. A good tone drawing includes lights, mediums and darks. Look at the shell drawing to the right. It includes a broad range of tones and lots of detail. Adding tone to a drawing helps to create the illusion that the object is solid. In art, when an object looks 3D, it is said to have 'form'.





In the rectangle below, shade in pencil from dark to light. How light can you go?

Create a tone drawing of the shell above in the empty box. Include as much detail as you can and a broad range of tones.

Where is the shell darkest? Where is it lightest? Don't forget to include medium tones. Look carefully at all the lines, marks and detail.