

Litter



From the land to the sea



What is Litter?

Anything that should be put in a waste or recycling bin, but instead ends up on the ground or in places it doesn't belong

Litter is waste in the wrong place

Can you spot the pictures with litter?



How does litter happen?



Some people throw their litter on the ground

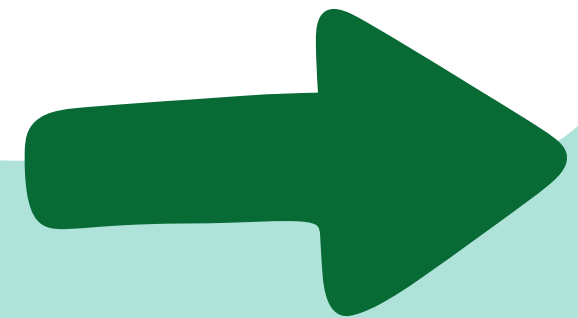
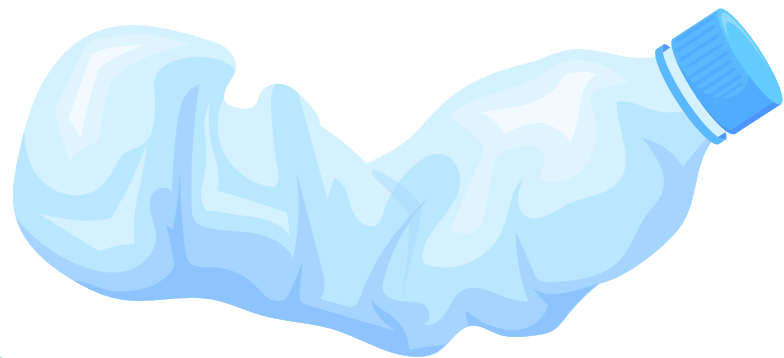
Some people forget about their waste, leaving it behind
after a picnic or a walk



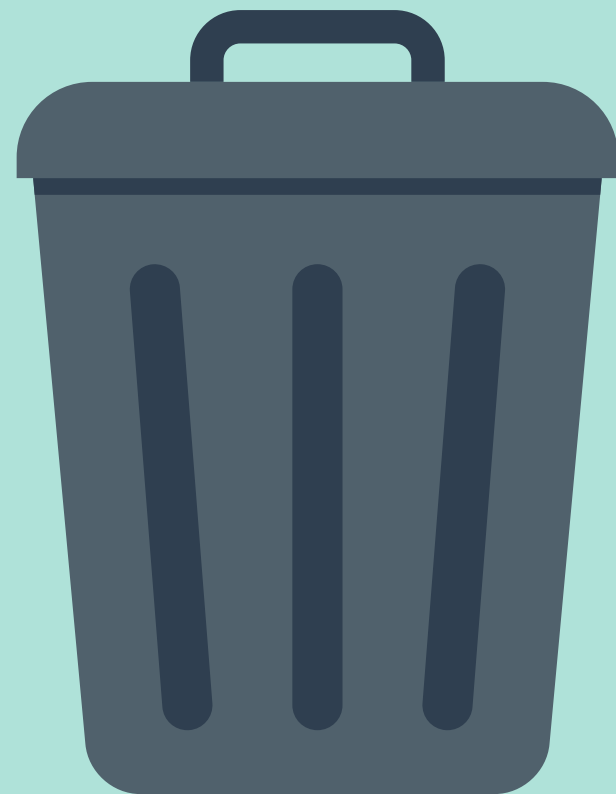
Overflowing bins can cause waste to spill onto
the ground



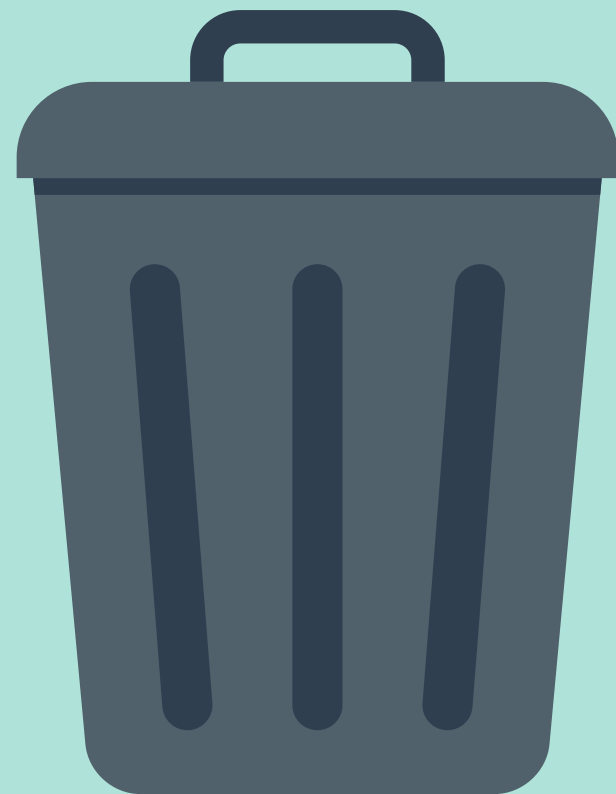
Where should litter go?



Can you name the three
types of bins?



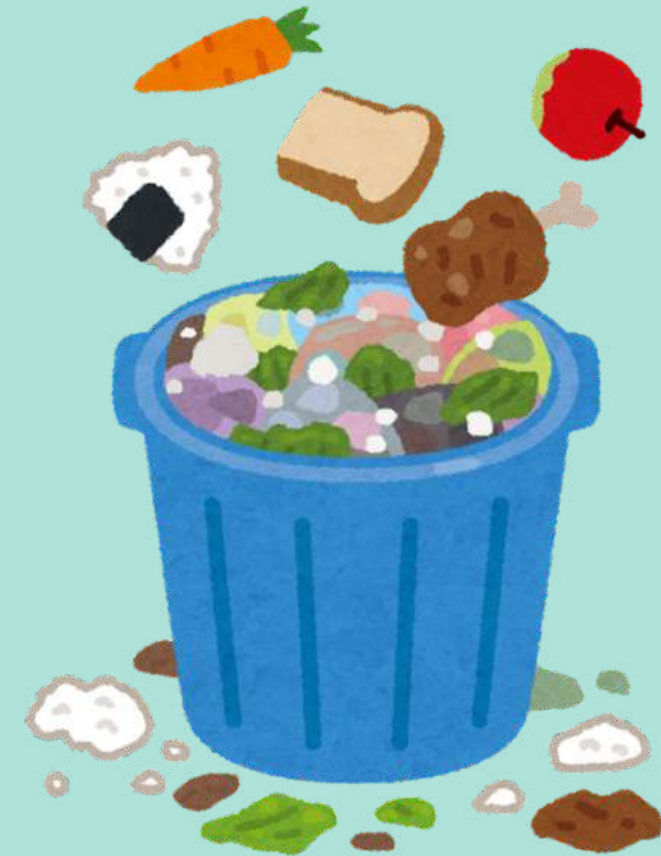
Can you name the three types of bins?




Waste
(Landfill)



Recycling



Compost
(food)



When litter is dropped, it doesn't just stay in that place forever. It usually gets blown around by the wind, and can end up in drains, streams and rivers.

Litter can travel for years, and really far away!



If litter is blown into a stream
or river, it can get carried all the
way out to sea.



Litter dropped at the playground
could end up blowing into trees or
nearby streams or rivers



Can you spot the five pieces of
litter in this playground?



Litter on roads and footpaths can be
washed into drains with rainwater
and can end up in streams and rivers



Drains and pipes carry rainwater away from land
and into our rivers and seas.
They can also carry litter.

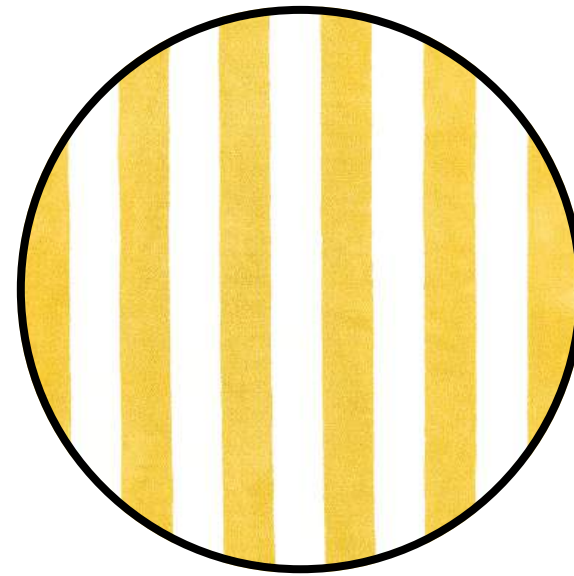


Litter like food containers and broken toys can get left behind at the beach. Wind or waves pull the litter into the sea.



What's on the beach game

Can you guess what these items are?



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Can you guess what these items are?





Marine Litter

is the name given to any rubbish that has ended up on the beach or in the sea.

It may have ended up there by accident, or on purpose.



Hands up!

Can you name the material that most marine litter is made from?





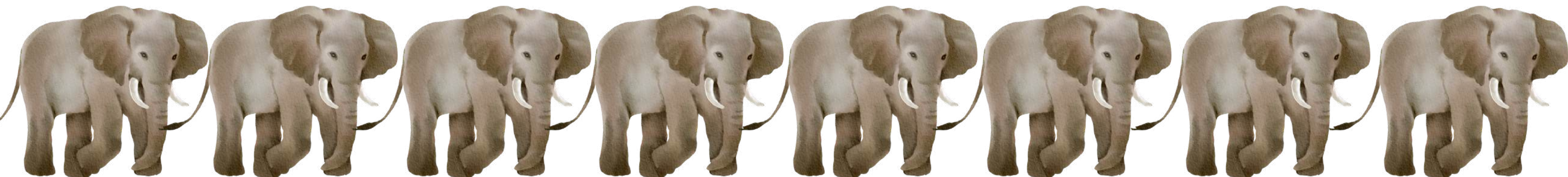
Answer: Plastic



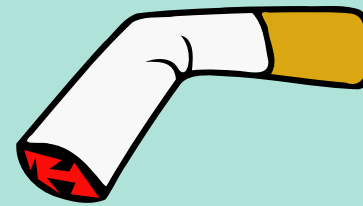
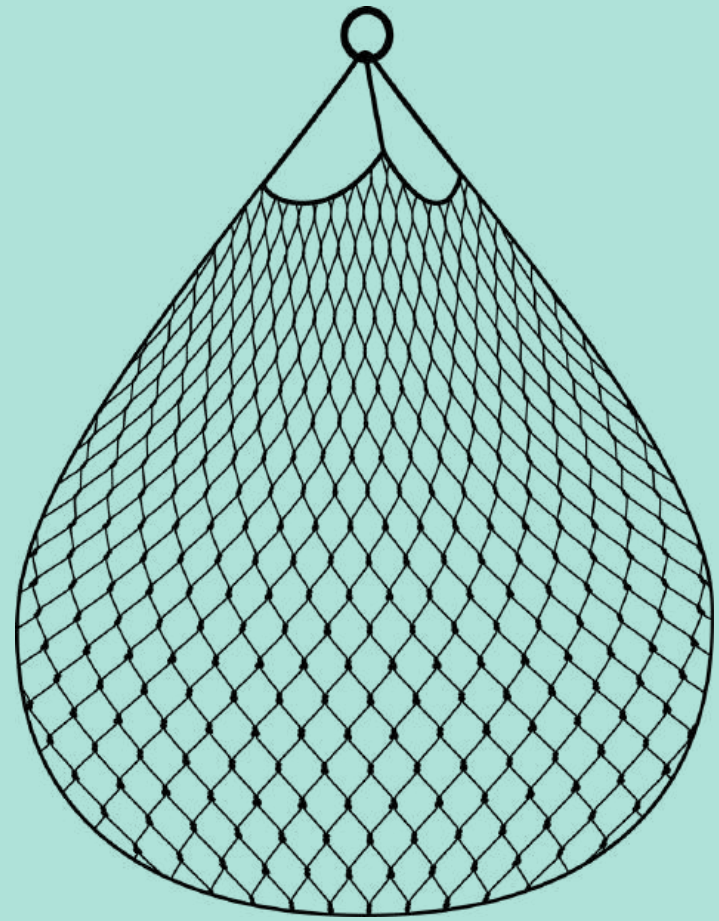
Most marine litter is plastic

There is a lot of plastic in our oceans that shouldn't be there!

25 million elephants worth of plastic are in the oceans!



These are the most common types of marine litter



Can you guess which bin these litter items should go into?



Did you know?



Even if you live far from the coast, your litter can end up in the sea

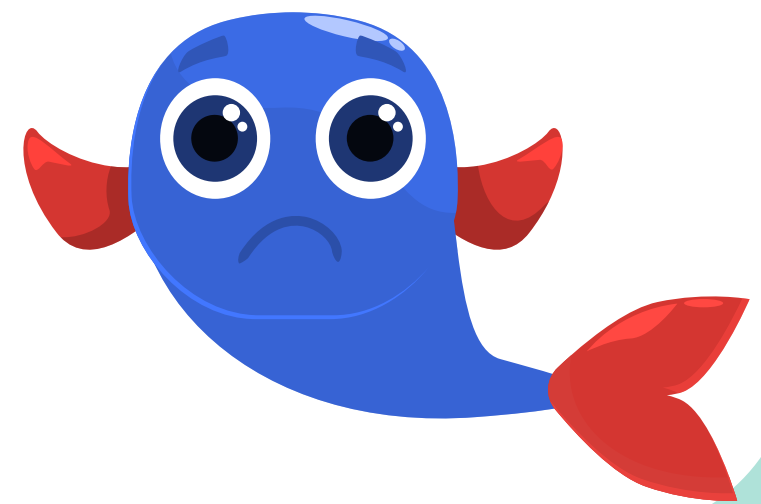
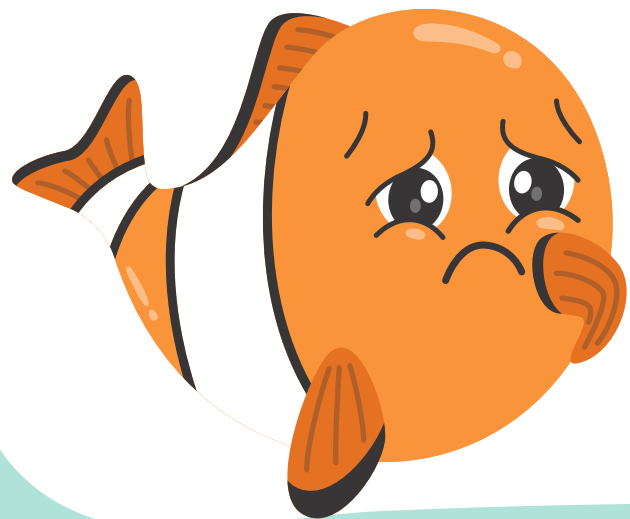
How?

Litter in our playgrounds, and on our footpaths and roads can be blown by the wind, washed down drains, or into streams and rivers, and end up at sea

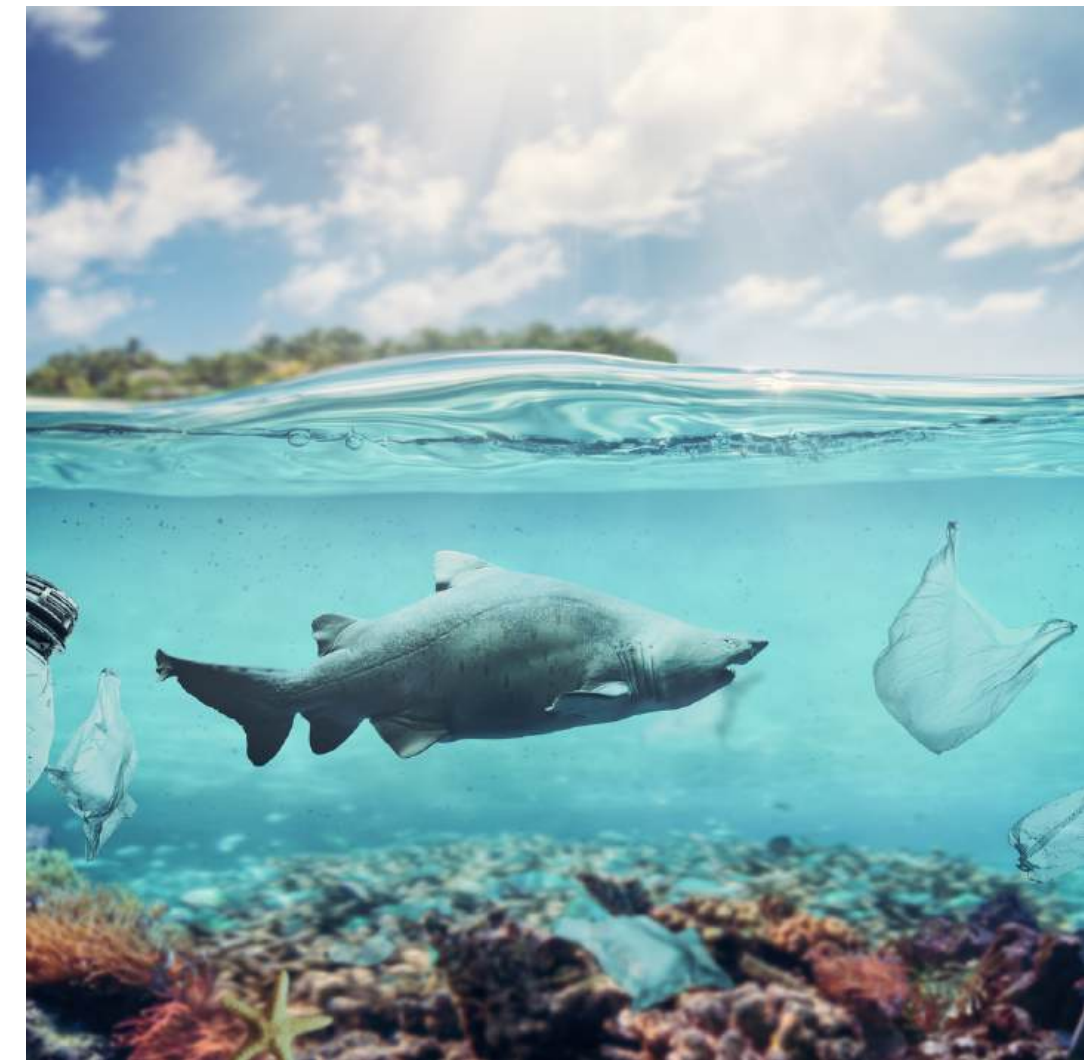
Track the journey of
litter from your school
to the sea using this
cool website



**Marine Litter is a big
problem**

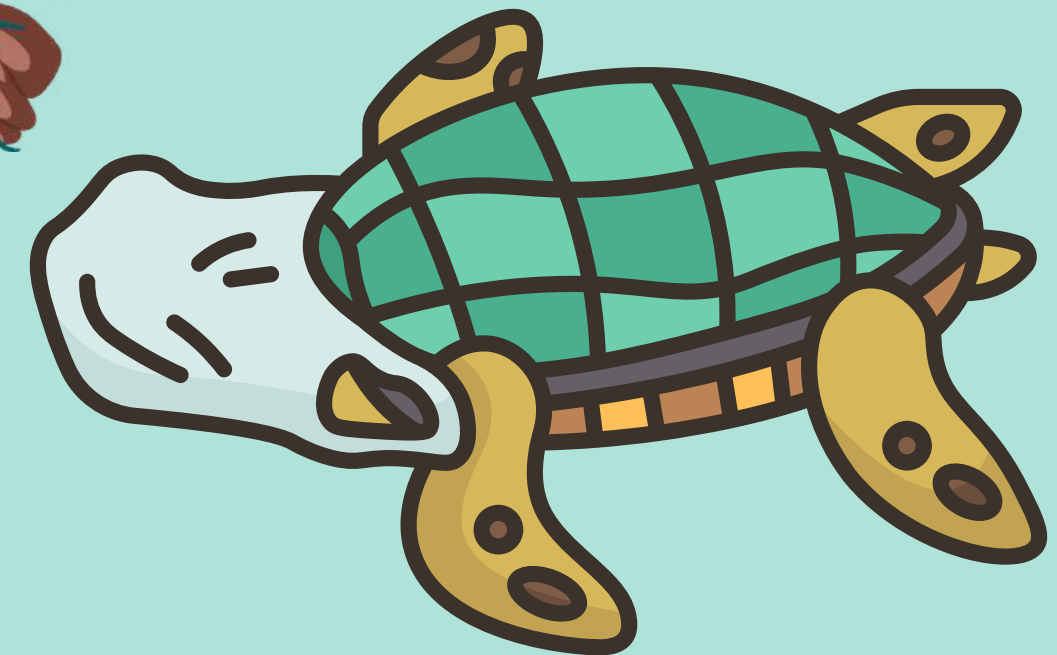
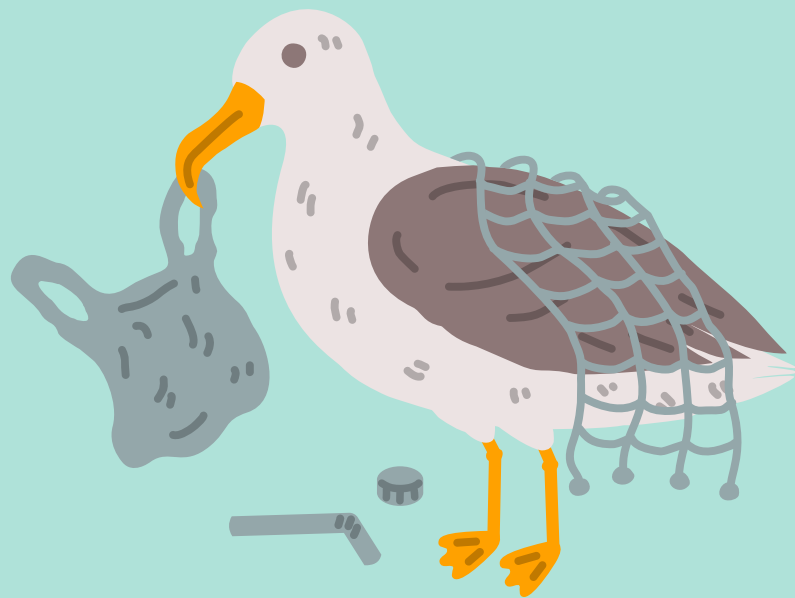
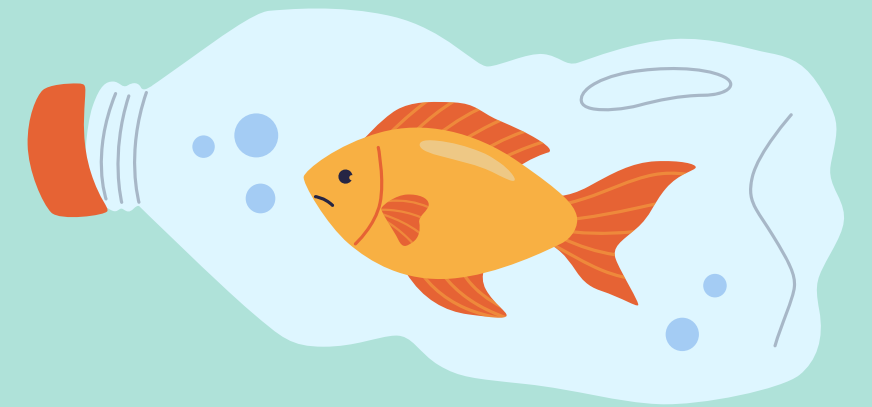
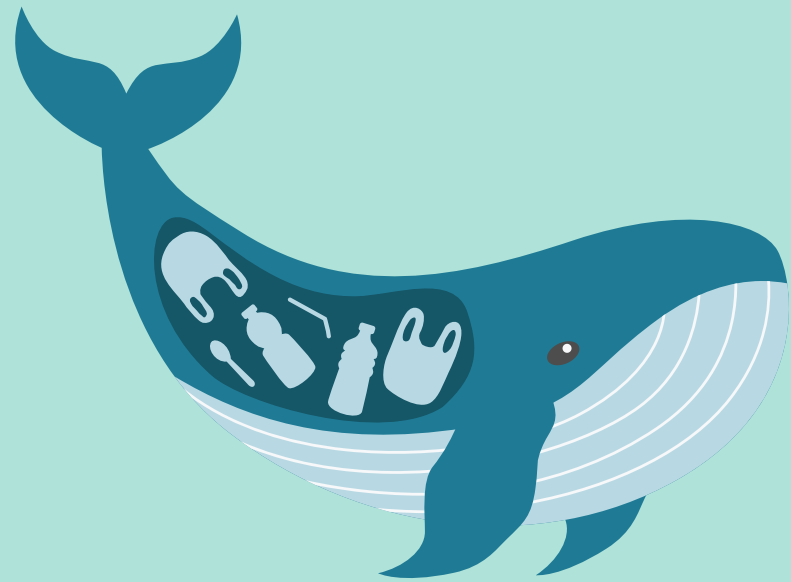


**Litter can
make our
seas ugly**



Litter can harm animals

Animals can get trapped and tangled in litter, or can eat it

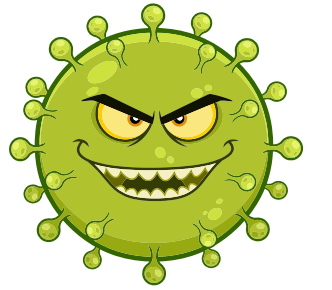


Activity idea: Draw your favourite sea animal in a clean sea

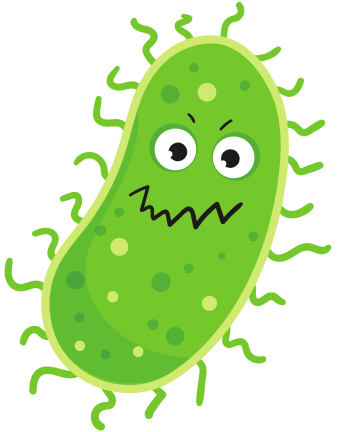
Litter can be dangerous to human health



Sharp edged litter can cut and injur people



Litter can have germs or harmful chemicals



Food litter can attract rats which can spread diseases to people



**Guide the kids to
the sandcastle.**

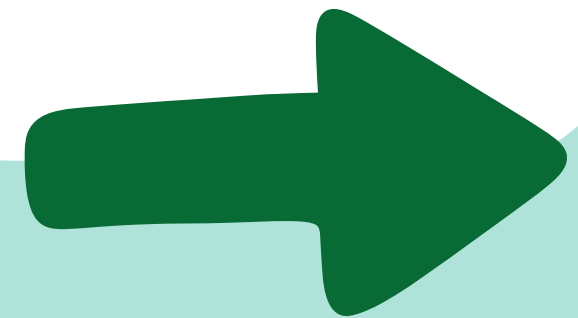
Avoid the litter!

**Which is the
correct path to
take?**

Hands up!




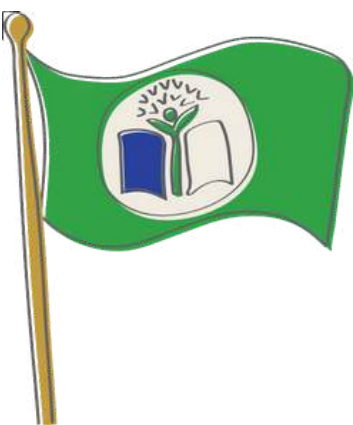
What can we do about litter?



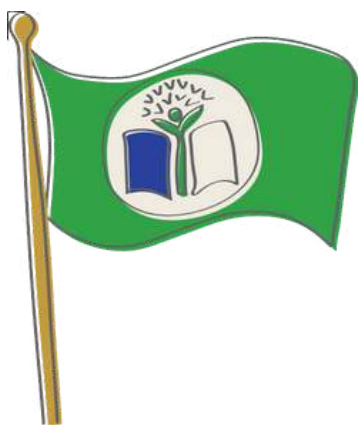
 Always put your rubbish in the correct bin

 If it is safe to do so, pick up litter and place it in a bin

 Use reusable items (like bottles and bags) so that you make less waste



- ✓ Learn about the sea and the animals that live there
- ✓ Tell your friends and family what bin their rubbish should go into
- ✓ Join the Green-Schools committee in your school



Lets work together and reduce litter



Clean oceans start with us



Videos about Marine Litter

Kids Go Green: Litter and Our Oceans | PBS LearningMedia

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/eel8-sci-waterpol/kids-go-green-litter-and-our-oceans/>

Two minutes on Oceans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtfAhy2lgAA>



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