

ACTIVITY: TALL TRASH TALE

Objective: To provide a fun and entertaining introduction to marine debris, what it is and where it comes from.

Materials:

- Tall Trash Tale
- Pen or pencil

Instructions:

1. Fill in the blanks with words that match the description listed. For example:
Noun: President George Washington or Verb: swim
2. Complete the story on the second page with the words chosen for each description. The object is to create a silly story.

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| 1. <u>Pet (Plural):</u> | 12. <u>Animal (Plural):</u> |
| 2. <u>Song Title:</u> | 13. <u>Something Hot:</u> |
| 3. <u>Food Item:</u> | 14. <u>Marine Animal:</u> |
| 4. <u>Adjective:</u> | 15. <u>Exclamation:</u> |
| 5. <u>Sport:</u> | 16. <u>Marine Animal:</u> |
| 6. <u>Animal (plural):</u> | 17. <u>Different Marine Animal:</u> |
| 7. <u>Color:</u> | 18. <u>Action Verb:</u> |
| 8. <u>Exclamation:</u> | 19. <u>Adjective:</u> |
| 9. <u>Adjective:</u> | 20. <u>Item Made of Plastic:</u> |
| 10. <u>Length of time:</u> | 21. <u>Good thing for the environment:</u> |
| 11. <u>Plant (Plural):</u> | 22. <u>Another good thing for the environment:</u> |

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It was a hot summer day. The park was crowded with children, parents and¹_____. Anna couldn't wait for her favorite afternoon treat. She perked up as the jingling sound of²_____ reached her ears. She ran up to the familiar colorful truck and ordered her favorite, a(n)³_____ with chocolate and sprinkles. It tasted⁴_____, just as she expected! Then, she saw the other kids playing⁵_____ and she wanted to join. She saw an overflowing trash can nearby and quickly tossed her plastic wrapper on top and ran off to play.

That night, it so windy and rained cats and⁶_____. The plastic wrapper flew from his perch on top of the trash can and was swept away. He traveled down a shallow⁷_____ river until he was suddenly sucked down a narrow hole. SWOOSH!! "⁸_____!" he said, "It's so dark down here. I can't see a thing. And it smells⁹_____!" After many¹⁰_____, the plastic wrapper reached the end of the tunnel and tumbled down into a river. He floated on top of the water and meandered his way past¹¹_____ and¹²_____. Suddenly the water become cold and salty, and the wrapper realized he had reached the ocean!

The sun was hot like¹³_____. The plastic wrapper sank beneath the surface and came face to face with a giant¹⁴_____! "¹⁵_____!" He floated with the ocean current, minding his own business, when suddenly he felt a tickle! A(n)¹⁶_____ was trying to eat him! It must think he is a(n)¹⁷_____! The little wrapper tried to¹⁸_____ away but with no luck. Everything went dark.

Oh, if only Anna had taken the little wrapper home. The little plastic wrapper could have been warm and¹⁹_____ back on land. He could have been re-used and made into a(n)²⁰_____. Don't let your trash get eaten. Always²¹_____ or²²_____!