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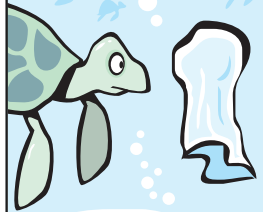


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## WATCH YOUR WASTE!

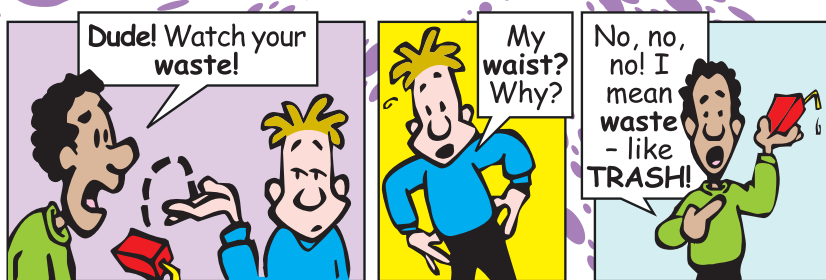
### Litter Can Kill

Not only does litter look ugly, it can cause serious harm to wild animals – even to animals that live far away from where the litter was first dropped. Some litter looks like food. Other litter can tangle animals, leaving them trapped so that they can't find food or escape predators.



Litter can wash into rivers and streams and be carried to oceans and bays. There, birds, sea turtles and even whales can become entangled. Sea turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and try to eat them. Eating plastic bags is very dangerous for any animal.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Living things cause changes in the environment and some of these changes are detrimental to other organisms.



### Problem Poppers

Do you like helium-filled balloons? They are fun to \_\_\_\_\_ and bat around.

When these balloons are let loose, they float up into the air and seem to \_\_\_\_\_. But they don't.

Ultimately these balloons lose their \_\_\_\_\_ and fall back to earth as litter. Some end up in the \_\_\_\_\_ where marine animals, especially sea turtles, eat them. The swallowed balloons can block air \_\_\_\_\_ or get caught in the animal's \_\_\_\_\_. Either way, balloons can be dangerous.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words and sentences.

Find the words that complete the story before they float away!

**Extra! Extra!**

### That's Fine

Different places have different fines for littering. In some places, fines are \$500. In other places, fines can be \$5,000 or more. Pretend you got fined \$500 for littering. Look through the newspaper and find things you could buy with \$500, instead of paying a fine. Be sure to find items that add up to exactly \$500.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Calculate sums using money amounts to \$500.

### Litter Hunt

Circle all of the litter hidden in the park. Draw a line from the litter to where it should go.



**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

### YOU Can Help Stop Litter!

Circle the things you can do to keep your community clean and beautiful.



**Standards Link:** Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

Read and sign this pledge and keep it where you can see it every day!

## OFFICIAL WASTE WATCHER PLEDGE

I promise not to litter.

I promise to do my part to keep my community clean and beautiful.

I promise to recycle.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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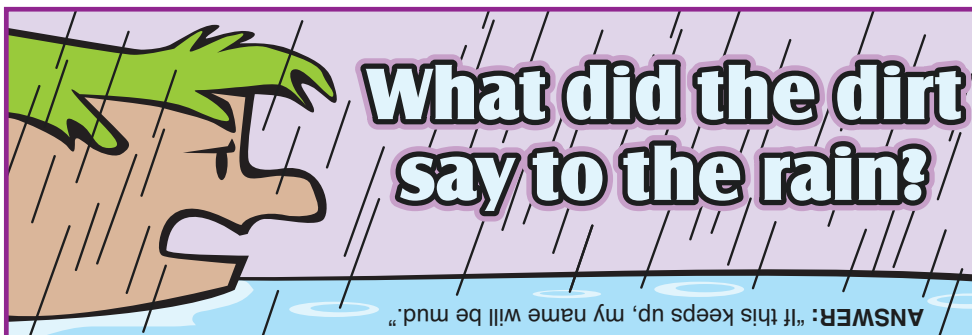
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Homonym Hunt

Waste and waist hunt the same, but they are spelled differently and have different meanings. They are called **homonyms**. Look through today's newspaper and find 5 or more sets of homonyms.

**Standards Link:** Vocabulary Development: Recognize and use homonyms.



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