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Pacific Plastic Problem



Albatross are large seabirds. Scientists have discovered that albatross chicks that live in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, far away from people, are killed by little pieces of plastic, including plastic toys. How does plastic wind up in the middle of the Pacific?

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a massive soup of plastic waste floating in the sea. It's growing larger all the time, harming birds, fish and people, too!

Replace the missing words.

- CAPS
- CURRENTS
- OCEAN
- ISLANDS
- ONCE
- SICK

Plastic Soup in the Pacific?

A number of years ago, scientists discovered _____ and dead albatrosses on a group of remote and isolated _____ called

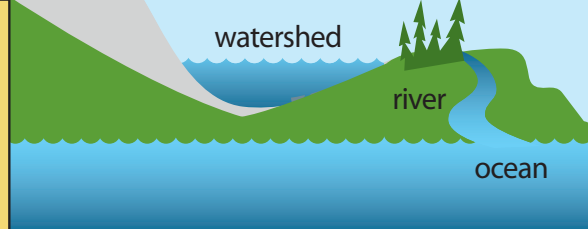
the **Midway Atoll**. These islands are located about 1,400 miles northwest of the Hawaiian islands in the middle of the Pacific _____.

Researchers found small plastic toys, toothbrushes, bottle _____ and other small pieces of plastic. These were all **single-use plastics**—plastic that was used just _____ and then thrown away.

Few people live on Midway Atoll. How does so much plastic get there? The answer lies in the earth's **watershed** and ocean _____.

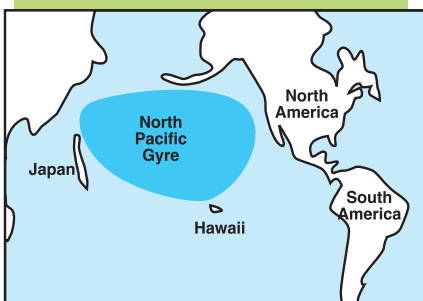
What's a watershed?

A watershed is not a building. It is an area of land that collects rain and snow. The water then drains into bays and from there into the ocean where it joins large ocean currents.



A Sea of Troubles

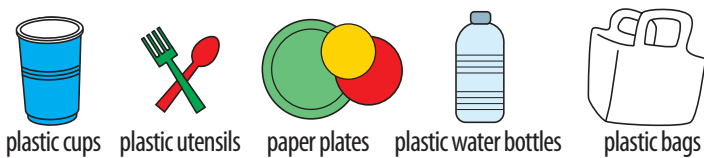
Plastic from the west coast of North America floats down creeks and rivers into the Pacific Ocean. There it joins the North Pacific Gyre which flows clockwise into a large circle.



How YOU Can Help!

YOU can stop plastic from entering the watershed by reducing the amount of plastic you use and recycling the plastic you can't avoid using. **Below each of these items, draw what you could use instead.**

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS TO AVOID:



Extra! Extra! Homonym Hunt

Waste and waist sound 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: Language Arts: Distinguish homophones.

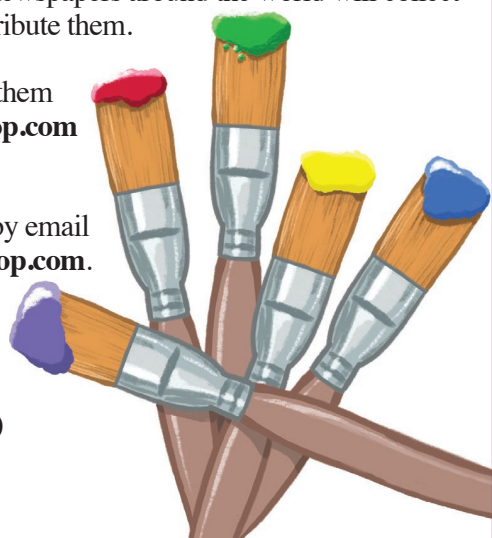
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Double Double Word Search

- ALBATROSS
- RECYCLING
- FLOATING
- PLASTIC
- MIDWAY
- CHICKS
- REMOTE
- PATCH
- AVOID
- ATOLL
- GYRE
- SICK
- EGGS
- TOYS
- CAPS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

D I O V A Y C P R R
S I C K A H C A E L
E C A W I C I T C L
T L D C A E T C Y O
O I K P S E S H C T
M S S O R T A B L A
E T O Y S P L L I A
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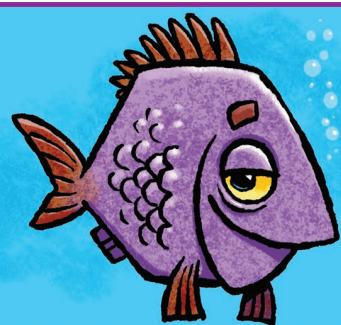
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Planet Point of View

Find an article that shows a way in which people harm or care for our planet. Rewrite the article from the point of view of a wild animal that would be affected by the news in this article.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write from a particular point of view.



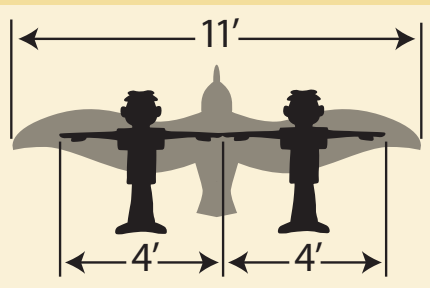
What game do fish like to play?

ANSWERS: Salmon Says.

Meet the Albatross

The wandering albatross is the world's largest flying bird.

These are big birds: An albatross wingspan can be from six to eleven feet wide! Here's how that compares to the armspan of two kids.



A Dangerous Mix

Albatross parents travel hundreds of miles to find food for their chicks. They scoop up squid, krill, fish eggs and other natural seafood from the surface of the ocean. They carry their food back to their chicks in their stomachs.

When it reaches its hungry chick, the albatross **regurgitates** the food. The chick then pulls food out of the parent's mouth to eat. (Gross to us, but perfectly normal for these birds.)

But albatross are also swallowing dangerous plastic waste when scooping up seafood. One bird researcher saw an adult albatross regurgitate a toothbrush and its chick ate it. Chicks are not able to regurgitate food or other materials out of their stomachs and the plastic food stays there, making them sick and killing them.

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