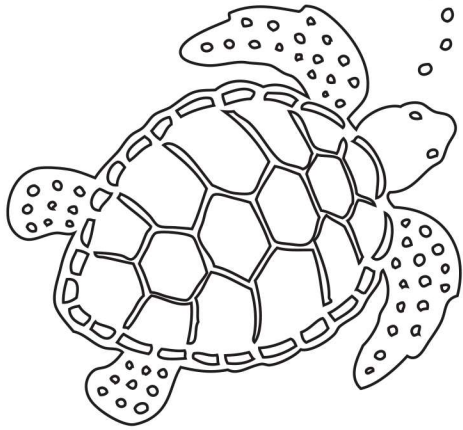


Take the pledge to
Skip the Straw!

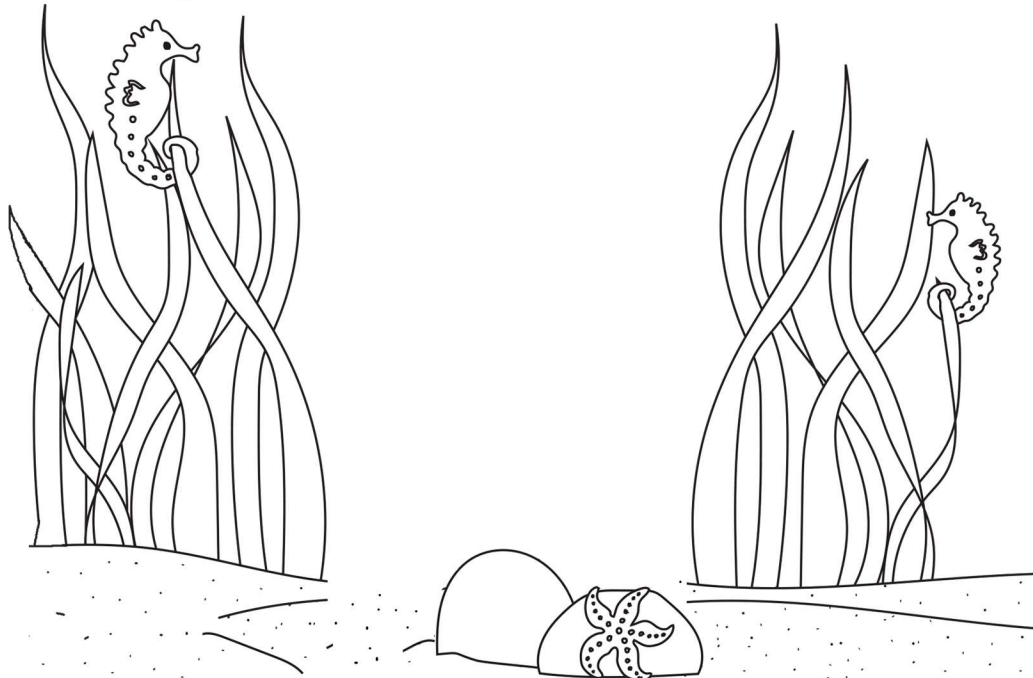


HEY!
Did you skip the
STRAW?
(Asking for a friend)

Did you know that
single-use plastic straws
are one of the most
common items littering
our beaches and waterways?

keepitbeachyclean.org/strawfree/straw-free-pledge/

Draw your favorite ocean animals!



The *Great Blue Heron* can be found in marine and freshwater habitats. They like to eat fish the most, but will eat almost anything that might come along: frogs, toads, eels, snakes, mice, etc. Keep It Beachy Clean, so this heron doesn't eat something it shouldn't!



THANKS!
FOR NOT LITTERING

You just kept this heron from
getting its feathers ruffled.

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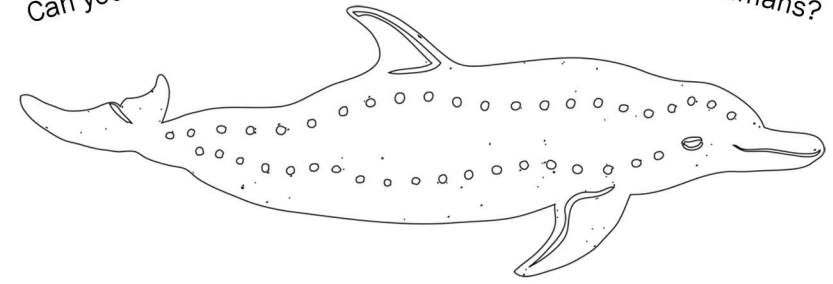
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Visit KeepItBeachyClean.org for puzzle answers and tips to keep our beaches & waterways Beachy Clean.

Dolphins are marine mammals: mammals that live in the ocean. Can you name four characteristics that they share with humans?



Circle the words that are beach & ocean related.
Cross out the words for the items that don't belong on beaches and in waterways. Use the remaining letters to spell out a phrase below.

O	C	E	A	N	K	E	T	E	P
I	T	F	I	S	H	B	R	E	A
L	I	T	T	E	R	S	A	N	D
C	T	U	R	T	L	E	S	W	O
B	H	S	B	A	G	A	H	H	G
E	Y	H	C	L	E	A	N	A	P
A	C	A	N	C	R	A	B	L	O
C	A	R	B	O	T	T	L	E	O
H	P	K	D	O	L	P	H	I	N

BEACH

(Bottle) **CAP**

CRAB

(Drink) **CAN**

DOG POO

FISH

LITTER

OCEAN

(Plastic) **BAG**

(Plastic) **BOTTLE**

DOLPHIN

WHALE

SAND

SEA

SHARK

TRASH

TURTLE

Keep It Beachy Clean Virginia!

Solve the puzzle for a few tips to keep our beaches and waterways litter-free and Beachy Clean!

Dispose of all IR ___ properly.

R ___ C ___ paper, cans, glass & plastic bottles.

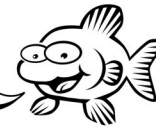
Use ___ U ___ B ___ shopping bags and drink bottles.

If you don't need a ___ I ___ in your drink, skip it!

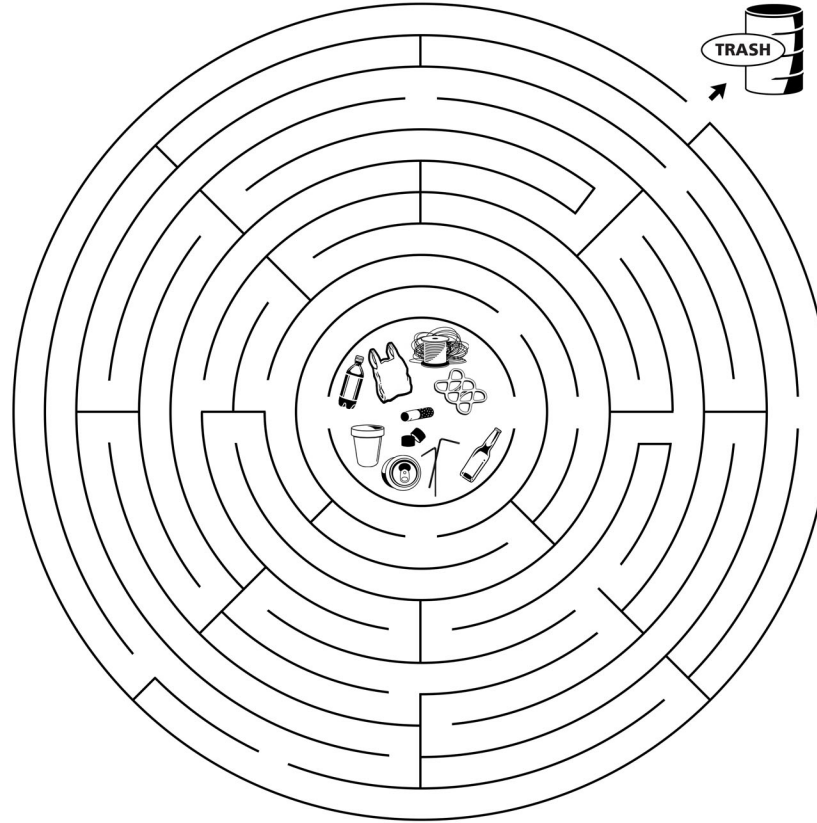
Never let helium-filled ___ L ___ N go.

Thanks for not L ___ I ___ R ___ !

Sometimes it takes a couple more steps to get to a trash can where you can properly discard your trash. Keep It Beachy Clean and always put your trash in a trash can and recycle your glass & plastic bottles, cardboard, cans and newspaper. Using a pencil, get this beach trash through the maze and to the trash can. Circle the items that can be recycled in your city.



(Adapted from "Understanding Marine Debris" NOAA Marine Debris Program)



Learn to be a Drain Brain!

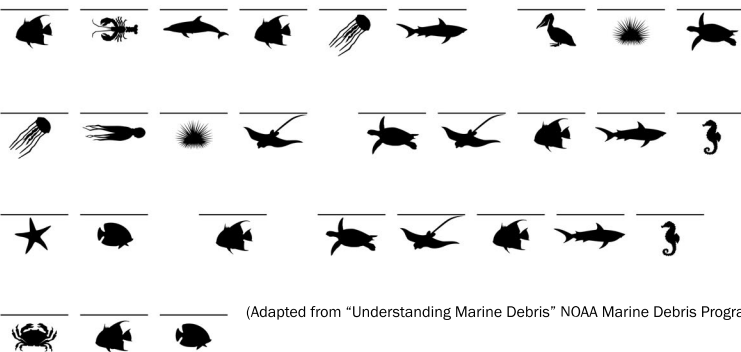
Unlock the Secret Message and Discover How You Can Become a Drain Brain!

Have you ever wondered what those holes are at the edge of the sidewalk? They're called storm drains and they carry rain water off the street and into streams and rivers.

Soda bottles, paper cups, candy wrappers, cigarette butts and all of the trash in the street gets carried into storm drains with the rain water until it finally reaches the ocean and becomes marine debris.

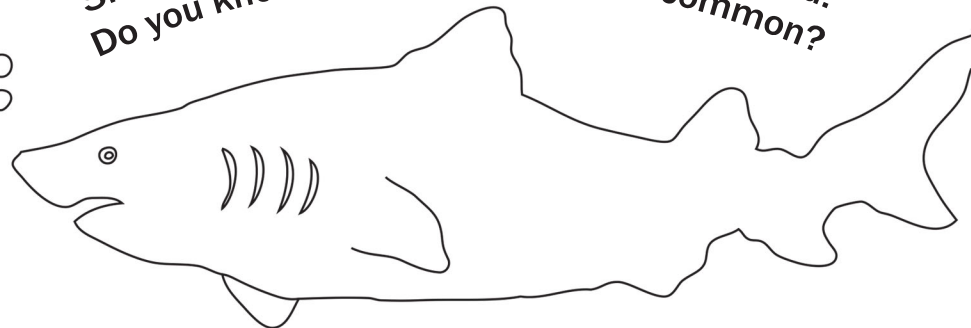
Unlock the secret message by using the chart on the right to replace the shapes with the letters they match up with.

- = A
- = C
- = H
- = I
- = L
- = N
- = O
- = P
- = R
- = S
- = T
- = U
- = W
- = Y



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Sharks, stingrays and skates are all related. Do you know what they all have in common?



Can you find these "R's" of being green?

R	E	S	S	R	I	Y	R	R	E	N	R	M
E	J	C	P	E	C	R	E	T	H	I	N	K
P	F	R	H	B	R	E	D	P	R	R	M	Y
U	R	E	D	U	C	E	J	T	V	E	H	R
R	R	C	A	I	R	P	R	E	M	I	N	D
P	B	Y	K	L	R	N	R	H	I	N	G	R
O	P	C	R	D	E	L	K	C	R	V	R	E
S	N	L	R	U	F	U	S	R	P	E	E	D
E	R	E	S	M	U	C	L	O	K	N	U	E
E	R	E	R	E	S	P	E	C	T	T	S	R
P	U	C	O	B	E	E	N	M	R	E	E	L

- Rebuild
- Recycle
- Reduce
- Refuse
- Reinvent
- Remind
- Repurpose
- Respect
- Rethink
- Reuse

Did you know...

Oysters have been around for 15 million years.

Oysters can live as long as 20 years.

A single adult oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day!

More than 300 species of plants and animals live in and among an oyster reef.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's (CBF's) Shell Recycling Program reuses empty oyster shells in efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay's native oyster. Used oyster shells collected across Virginia are vital to boosting Virginia's oyster population.

Learn more:

SAVE OYSTER SHELLS: CBF's Shell Recycling Program at cbf.org/.



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