



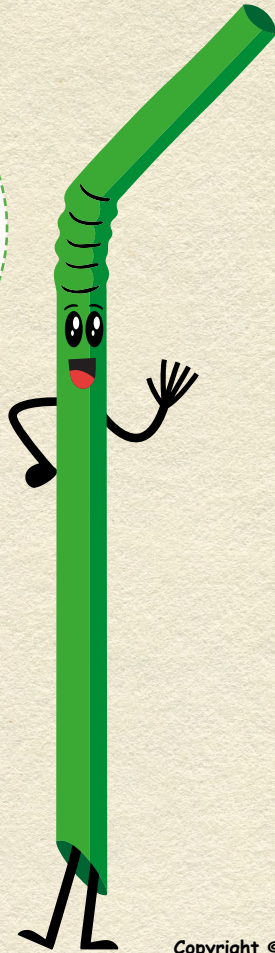
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Hello!
My name is
Sippy
the Straw



“Recycling turns things into other things.
Which is like MAGIC.”
- Anonymous



I am
Sarah



I am
**Sarah's
Mother**



I am
**Teacher
Ann**



I am
Sam

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① It is a beautiful Sunday morning. Sarah and her mother are swimming at the beach.

② Aah!
There is something
on my leg! I think
it is a jellyfish!

③ No, it is just
a plastic bag.

① Sarah walks out of the water onto the sand and starts to build a sandcastle.

Scooping deeper, she is shocked to see a plastic straw.

② Why is this straw here?
I will throw it into the sea.

③ Wait!

① Too late. The straw falls into the water.

② What is wrong?
Where else can
I throw the straw?

③ Look at how much
rubbish is floating in
the water! The sea should
be clean and beautiful,
and not be a rubbish bin.

① Soon, the sky turns dark and they hear the sound of thunder.

② The wind is very strong.
I think it will rain soon.
Let's pack up and go home.

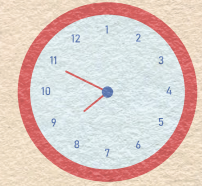
③ On the way home, Sarah thinks about the rubbish she has seen in the sea. Was she wrong to throw the plastic straw into the sea?

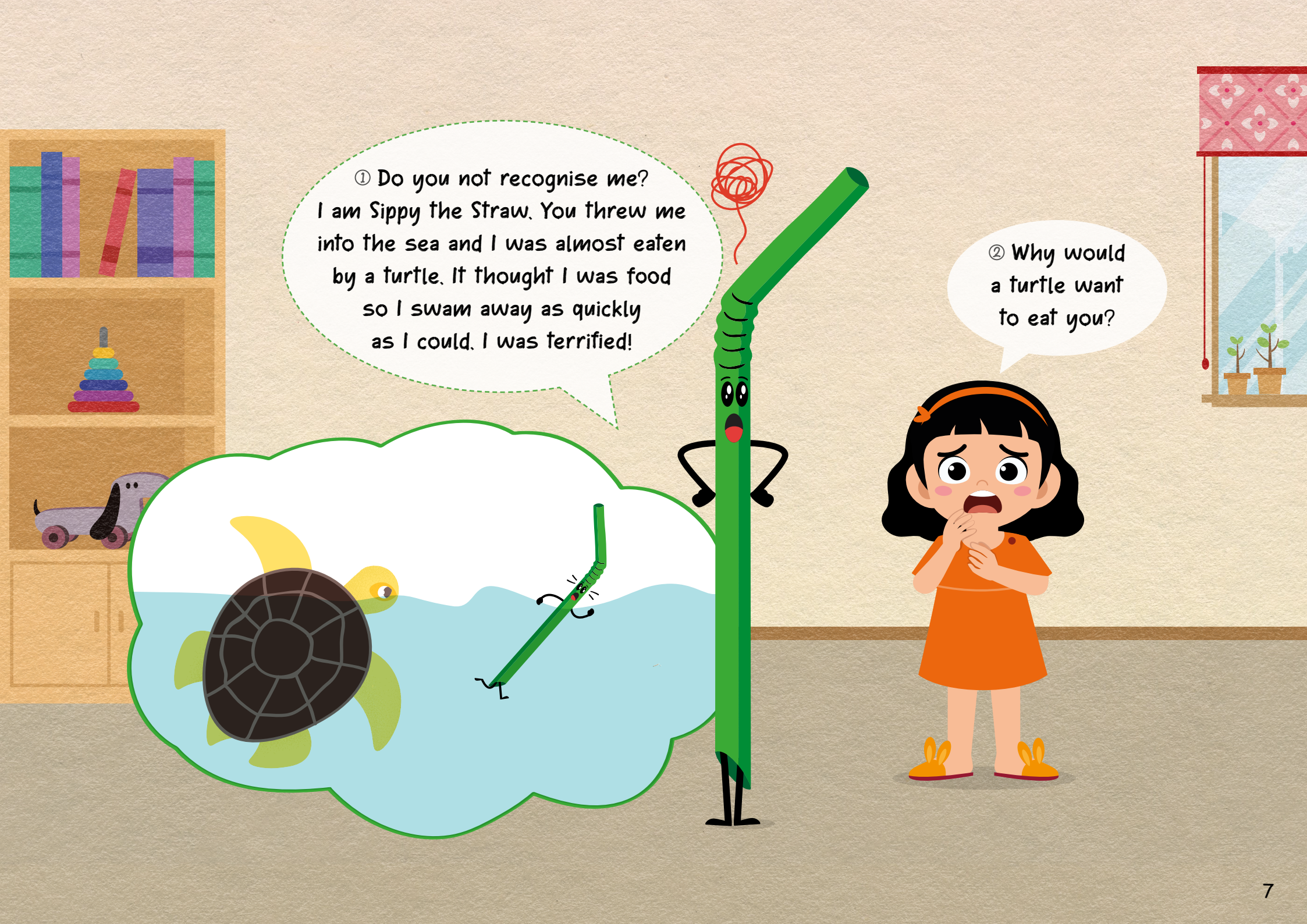
① Sarah hears a knock on the door,
and she opens it to see who that is.

② Mommy,
someone is at
the door.

③ I do not
hear anything.

④ Who are you?
And why are
you here?





① Do you not recognise me?
I am Sippy the Straw. You threw me
into the sea and I was almost eaten
by a turtle. It thought I was food
so I swam away as quickly
as I could. I was terrified!

② Why would
a turtle want
to eat you?

① Sarah, who are you talking to?
Come here, I want to show
you something.

② Err...no one.

③ See, this is what happens
when you throw rubbish
into the sea.

DAILY NEWS




**STOP
OCEAN
POLLUTION
NOW!**



Tonnes of waste are discarded into the ocean every year, affecting countless organisms in our oceans. Plastic is one of the most enduring materials man has created. Nowadays, we all know that it can take hundreds of years for plastic to degrade, and research is showing that it is possible that it does not even fully degrade. Sometimes, these items are consumed by the organisms, becoming a choking hazard or causing death if they consume them by mistake.

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① This was what happened to me a short while ago.

② Some animals in the sea mistake plastic straws for food. Eating the plastic causes these animals to fall sick.

③ Sarah bites her lips and tears fall from her eyes. She realises her mistake and wants to apologise to Sippy.

① The next day in school, Sarah and her classmates are walking in the neighbourhood where they see a big blue bin.



② Teacher Ann, what is the blue bin for? It has pictures on its side.

③ Good observation, Sam. That is a recycling bin. I will tell you all more about it back in class. Let's see what else you can spot on our walk today.

① Look, Teacher Ann. This bin is so full of plastic rubbish, some of it has already overflowed on to the ground.



② Isn't it worrying to see so much plastic waste? How can we reduce it?



③ I am not sure, but we cannot throw the waste into the sea.



① Back in class.

② What is a recycling bin?



④ I get it! The pictures on the bin informs us on what can be recycled.

③ A recycling bin is where you place your recyclable items such as papers, glass, plastic, and metal. These items are then taken to the recycling centre to be recycled and used for other purposes.



① By recycling, we help to reduce the amount of waste thrown away. It also encourages us to reuse what we already have or to make new and useful things by re-purposing them.

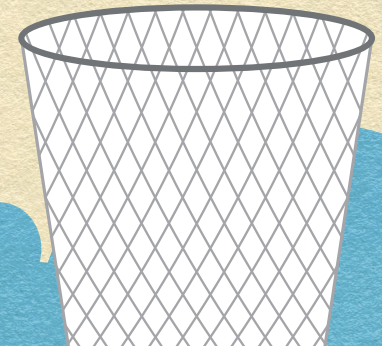
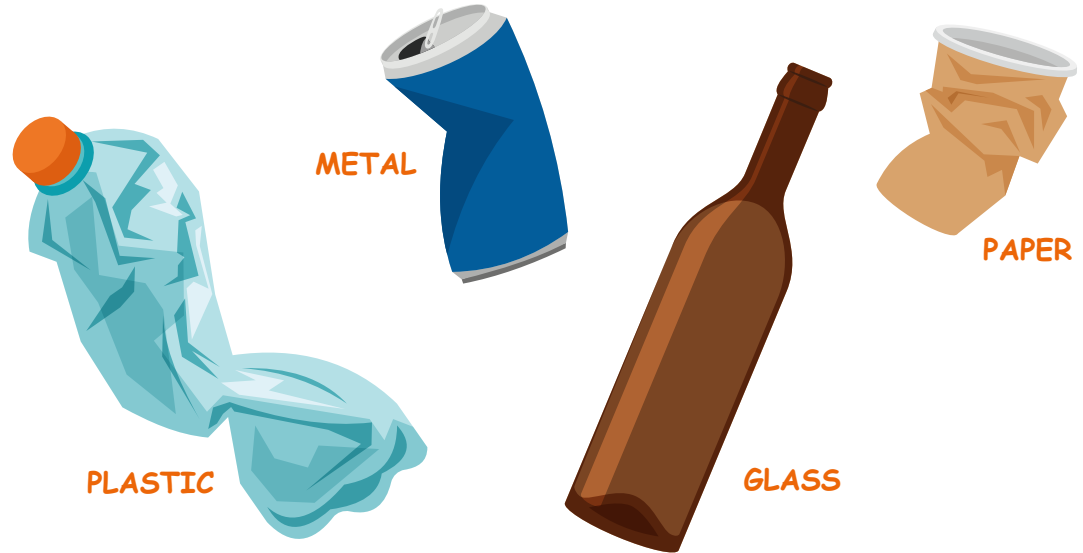
② Is this how we can reduce the waste overflowing in the bin?



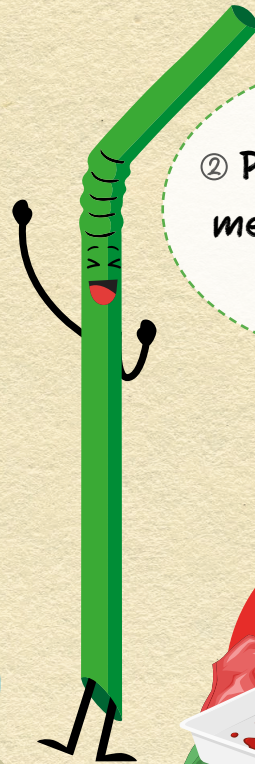
③ Yes, by recycling. Now, shall we start sorting the items that can be recycled?

WHAT IS RECYCLING?

RECYCLING IS WHEN WE TURN TRASH INTO NEW USABLE PRODUCTS.



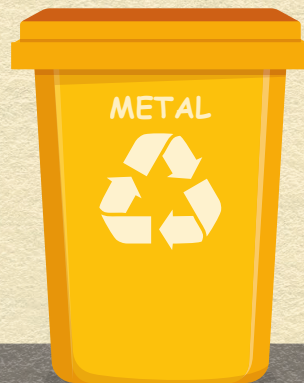
① The children start sorting out the items from the big box that Teacher Ann had taken out. They then place the different items into the bins labelled 'plastics', 'metal', 'paper' and 'glass'.



② Pick me, and take me to the correct bin, please.



③ Sippy, I know exactly where to put you.



Can you sort the waste correctly into the labelled bins?

① The children have much fun sorting out the different items into the recycling bins.

**RECYCLING
IS THE BEST**




**BETTER TO
REDUCE
& REUSE**



② Recycling is good, but it is better first to **REDUCE** the amount we waste and **REUSE** what we can.

③ I understand now! We must reduce, reuse and recycle to prevent the bins from overflowing!



① All non-recyclable items are taken to Semakau Island landfill where it will be disposed of. But our landfill will run out of space by 2035. What will happen then?

② Oh, no! It would be awful if our homes, schools, parks, and beaches were littered with rubbish.

③ That would surely stink and be bad for our health.

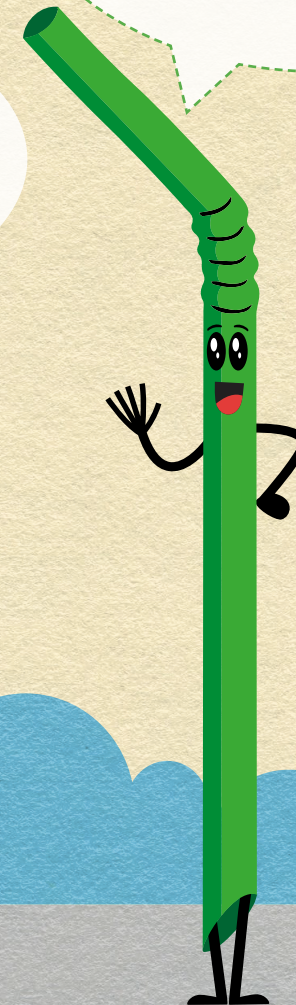
① Sarah feels a tug on her sleeve and turns around.



② Sippy, I am very sorry
I did not recycle you
when I first found you.



③ That's OK,
now that you know,
I am glad you have learnt
how to recycle and dispose
of your waste responsibly.



① Plastics like me have helped to improve human lives in many ways. But we can be a danger to the environment, too. So it is important to learn how to use plastics responsibly.

② When we go out, we can take along our own water bottle. This will reduce our use of plastic from the drinks stall.

③ I wish I were a reusable straw that can be used again and again.



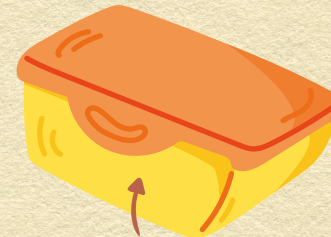
④ In addition to recycling, what else can I do?



Carry your own cup.



Bring your own bag.



Use your own container.



Reuse and Recycle whenever possible.

① Sarah promises Sippy to use plastic responsibly and to start recycling. Sippy happily hops back into the recycling bin.



② Remember, instead of buying plastic products which are thrown away after use, what should we do?



③ **REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!**

④ Sarah, Sam and all their classmates have now learnt how to become 3R champions. They vow to always **REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE.**

WHAT WE CAN DO...

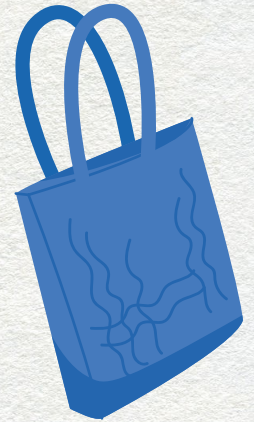
Discuss ways we can recycle with family and friends.



Reduce waste at home.



Carry a reusable bag when shopping.



Bring our own reusable water bottle and lunch box.



Cut back on food waste and create a compost bin.



Choose products made with recycled plastic (check the labels).



ECO-WARRIOR!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

FOR BEING GREEN!

WELL DONE

