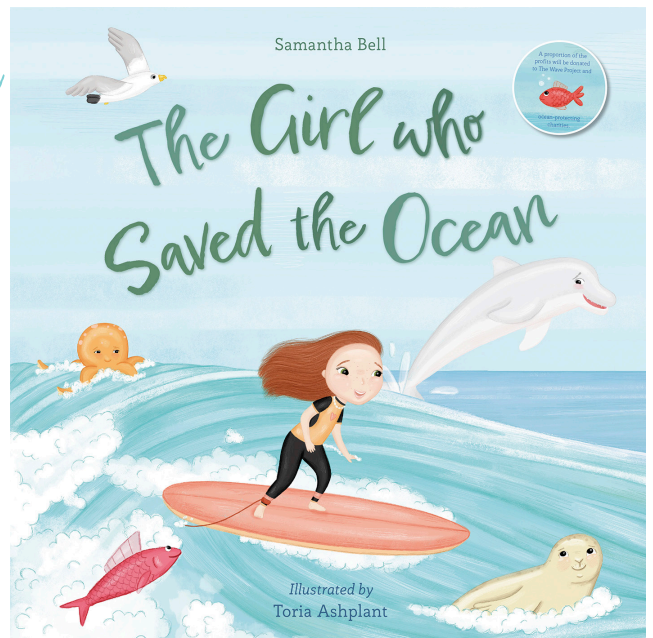


# The Girl Who Saved the Ocean

## Teaching Notes

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### SYNOPSIS

This is a story about a girl who loved to surf, She had always loved the ocean much more than the Earth. She had good friends there, including a seal named Scottie, And there was Otto the Octopus and her favourite dolphin, Dotty.

When Otto gets caught up in a plastic bag, the girl decides she wants to help restore the ocean. Can she find the courage to protect her friends and put a stop to plastic pollution? Join her in this story about bravery, empowerment and a journey to save the ocean!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Samantha lives in Bristol but is originally from Dorset. She loves spending time outdoors, particularly days at the beach, as well as reading, yoga and exploring new cities and countries. She is passionate about the environment and wrote *The Girl who Saved the Ocean* to help educate children about plastic pollution in the ocean, and also to get them excited about how they can make a difference. Samantha is going to donate a percentage of the book's royalties to different ocean-protecting charities, and also to The Wave Project (a charity supporting children's mental health through surfing). Samantha is excited to be publishing her debut book with Little Steps and hopes to create more in the future!

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Toria is a primary school teacher and children's book illustrator who grew up in the coastal county of Dorset. She is extremely passionate about global warming and pollution and believes it's important for children to learn how to take care of the environment. She is honoured to help create *The Girl who Saved the Ocean* and hopes that it will inspire children to keep our oceans clean.

### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*The Girl who Saved the Ocean* is a lovely story about a girl who finds the courage to save and protect the ocean from plastic pollution. Exploring themes of bravery, friendship and the environment, this is a story with an educational and important purpose. A percentage of profits will go to The Wave Project and ocean-protecting charities.



## DISCUSSION TOPICS

**Read the book together, asking questions throughout.**

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. How does the girl in the story feel when her friend, Otto, gets caught up in plastic?
3. Have you ever seen plastic on a beach or in the sea? How did it make you feel?
4. What does the girl see after she rescues her friend, Otto?
5. Why do you think that she is so upset?
6. What does she decide to do?
7. Talk about the character change in the girl. At the beginning, she is quite shy but then changes and becomes determined and resourceful.
8. Do you think the girl makes a difference?
9. Why is it a problem to have so much plastic in the sea/ocean?  
What can be done to get rid of the plastic?
10. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?

## ACTIVITY: DESIGN A POSTER

In the book, the girl in the story is committed to saving the ocean.

On the next page, have a go at designing your own poster to raise awareness about the importance of keeping our oceans clean.

Here are some questions and things to think about when making your 'Save our Ocean' poster.

What types of plastic are found in the ocean?

Why is this happening?

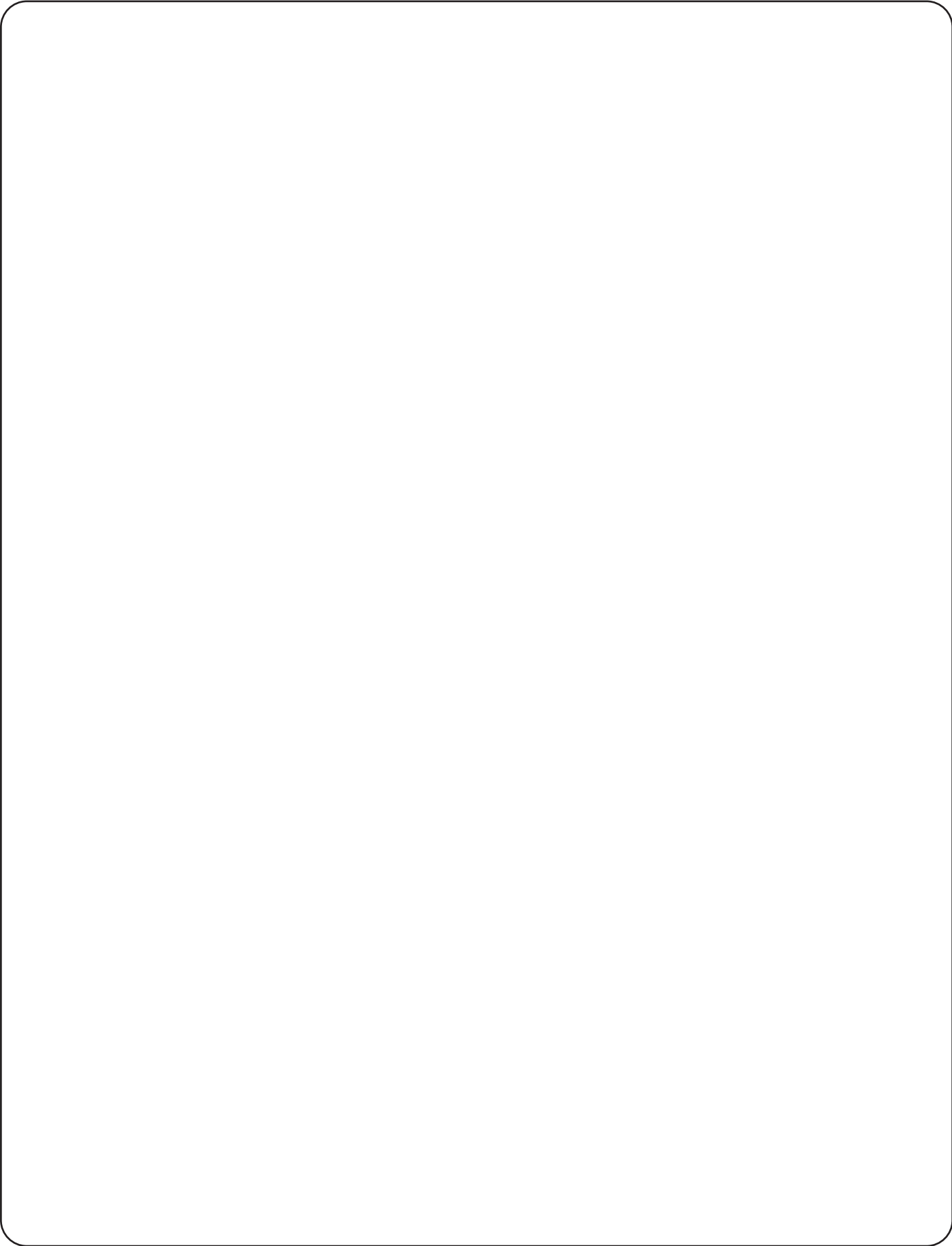
What is being done now to protect the ocean?

How can people help with the conservation effort?

What can YOU do?



SAVE OUR OCEAN!



## ACROSTIC POEM

Make up an acrostic poem about our oceans using the words SAVE OUR OCEAN. An acrostic is a poem in which the first letter of each new line spells out a word(s). The words are the subject of the poem.

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# THE GIRL WHO SAVED THE OCEAN WORDSEARCH

Find all the words in *The Girl who Saved the Ocean* wordsearch.

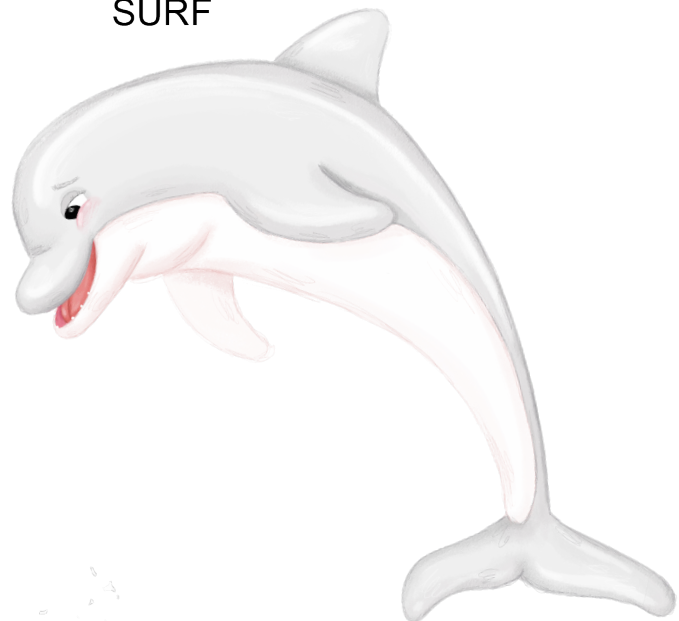
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# SOLUTION TO THE GIRL WHO SAVED THE OCEAN WORDSEARCH

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## DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of the girl who loved to surf with all her friends.

