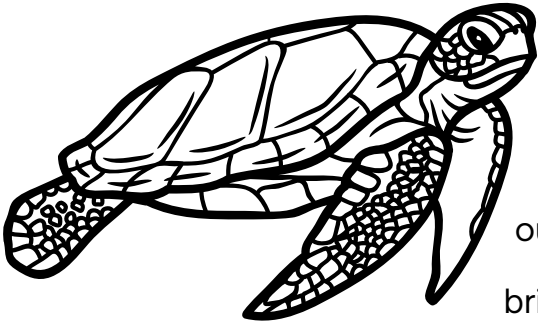


Take the pledge to SKIP THE STRAW!

Hey!
Did you skip the **STRAW?**
Asking for a friend!

Check out this video of plunge-diving pelicans!!



Did you know that single-use plastic straws are one of the most common items littering our beaches and waterways? Keep It Beachy Clean and bring your own reusable straw!



I, _____, pledge to skip single-use plastic straws!
your name here

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!

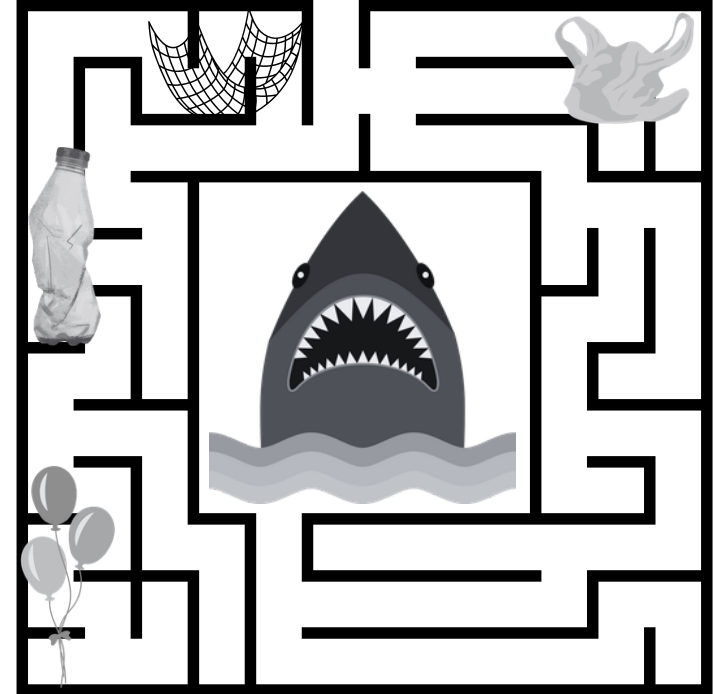
Baby oysters are called spat.

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

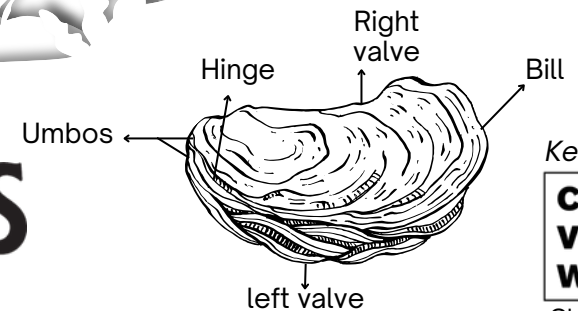
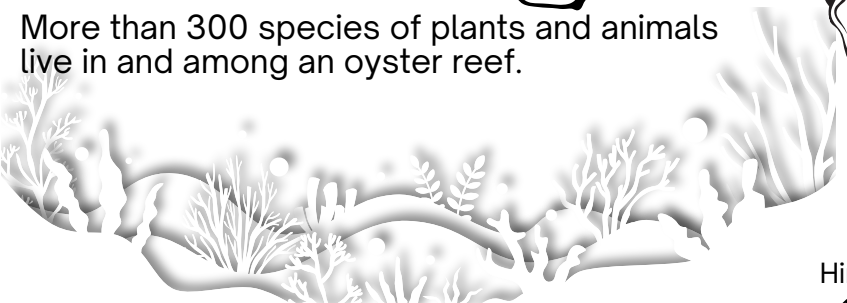
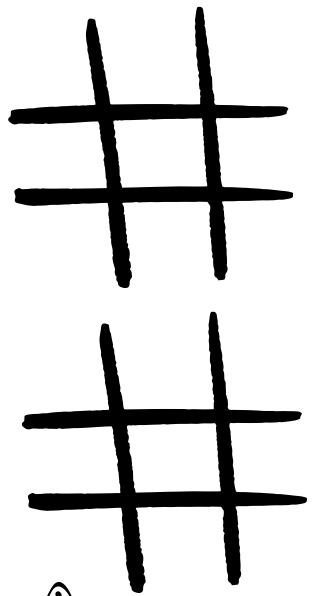
How do oysters communicate?
With shell-phones.



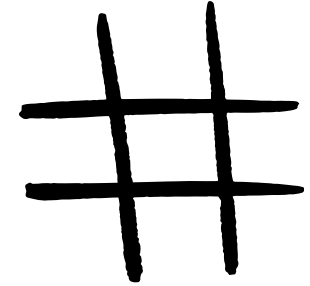
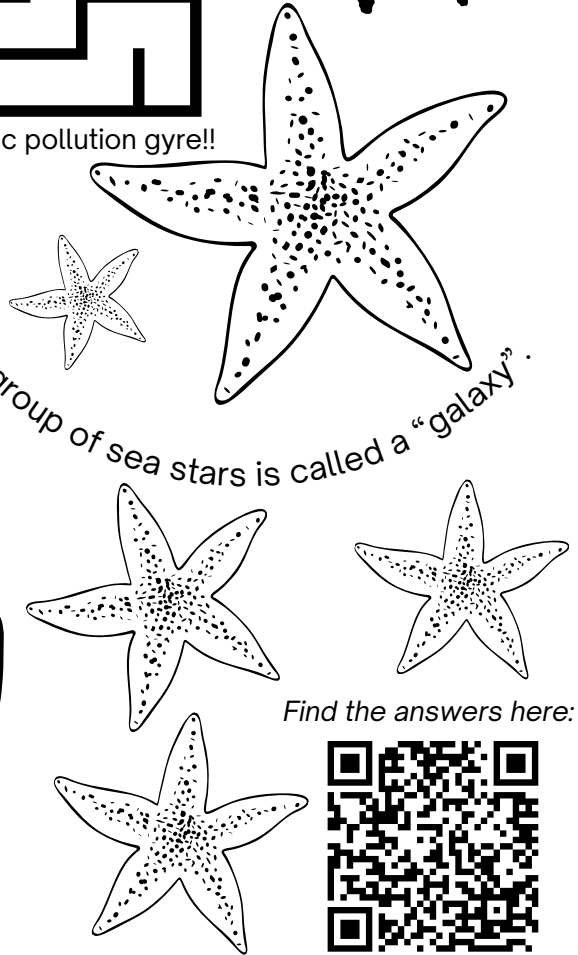
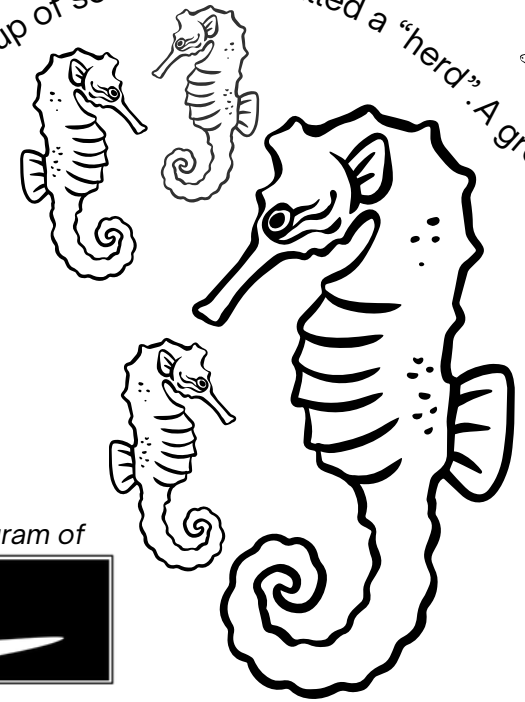
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Help the shark safely escape the plastic pollution gyre!!



A group of seahorses is called a "herd". A group of sea stars is called a "galaxy".



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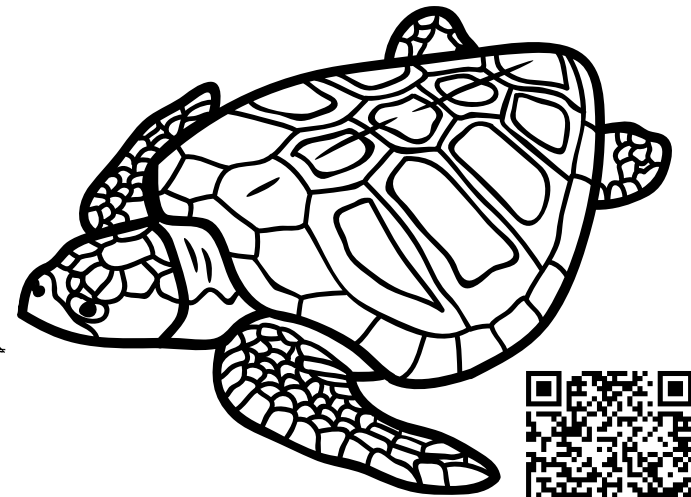
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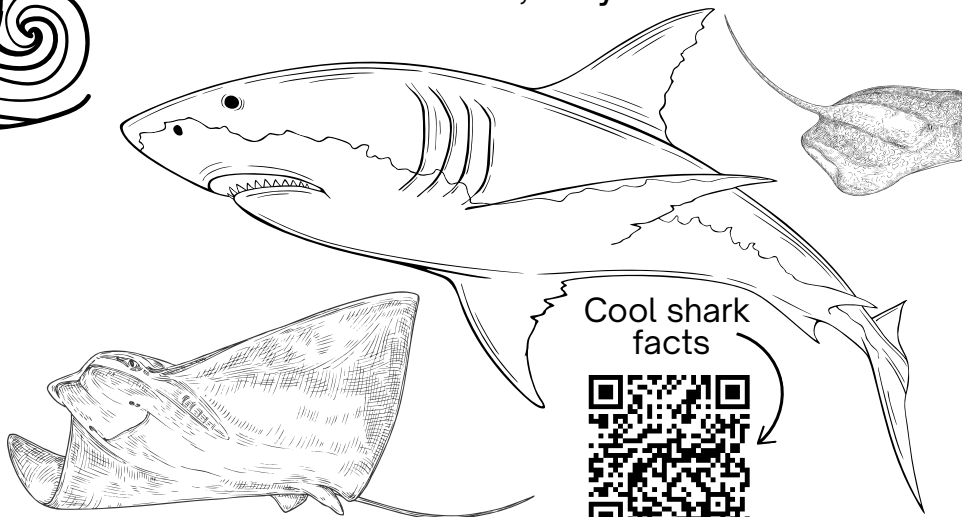
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Want to help sea turtles?
Keep It Beachy Clean!
Pick up litter when possible;
Use reusable bags,
bottles & straws;
Recycle cans and bottles;
Never release balloons;
Thanks for not littering!

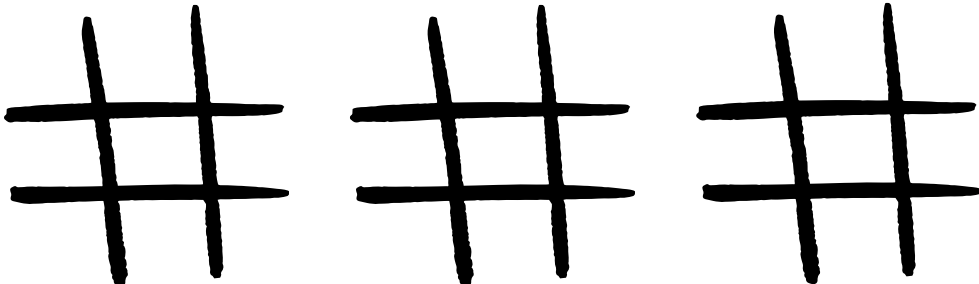


Answers:

Sharks, stingrays and skates all share a common characteristic, do you know what it is?



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

R	E	S	S	R	E	C	O	V	E	R	R	M
E	J	C	P	E	C	R	E	T	H	I	N	K
P	F	R	H	B	R	E	P	A	I	R	M	Y
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P	S	Y	K	L	R	E	R	H	I	N	G	R
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E	R	E	S	M	U	C	L	O	F	N	U	I
E	E	E	R	E	S	P	E	C	T	T	S	L
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Rebuild
Recover
Recycle
Reduce
Refill

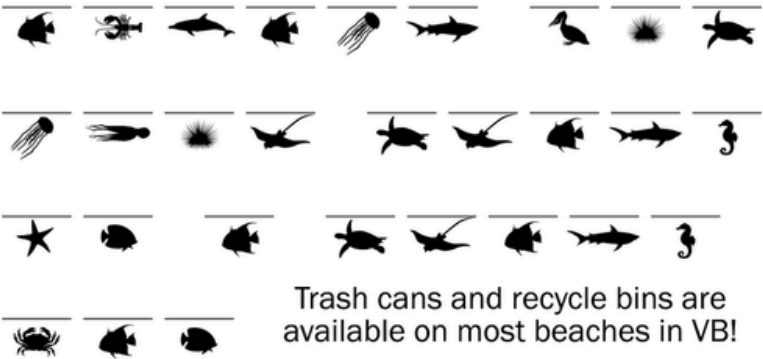
Refuse
Regift
Reinvent
Remind
Repair

Repurpose
Respect
Restore
Rethink
Reuse

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 waterways. Bottles, cups, food wrappers, cigarette butts and other trash can wash down these storm drains and end up in the bay or ocean. *Unlock the secret message by using the chart on the right to replace the shapes with letters they match up with.*

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



Trash cans and recycle bins are available on most beaches in VB!

Help Keep It Beachy Clean!

Fill in the blanks for ways YOU can help!

Dispose of all R properly. This will help keep beaches and waterways clean and wildlife safe!

 C paper, cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles and plastic containers. Don't forget to leave the bottle caps on your plastic bottles, they can be recycled too!

Use U shopping bags and drink bottles. This is a great way to reduce waste and help keep our beaches litter free!

Don't E the birds. Feeding the birds can have negative consequences for the birds and our waterways!

Never let helium-filled O go. What goes up, will come down and end up as harmful litter. Try bubbles instead!

Keep It Beachy Clean! Thanks for not T !



Fun facts about humpback whales!

Psst!

They like to hang out off the coast of Virginia in the winter!

Thanks for Keeping It Beachy Clean! I think I'll come back next year!

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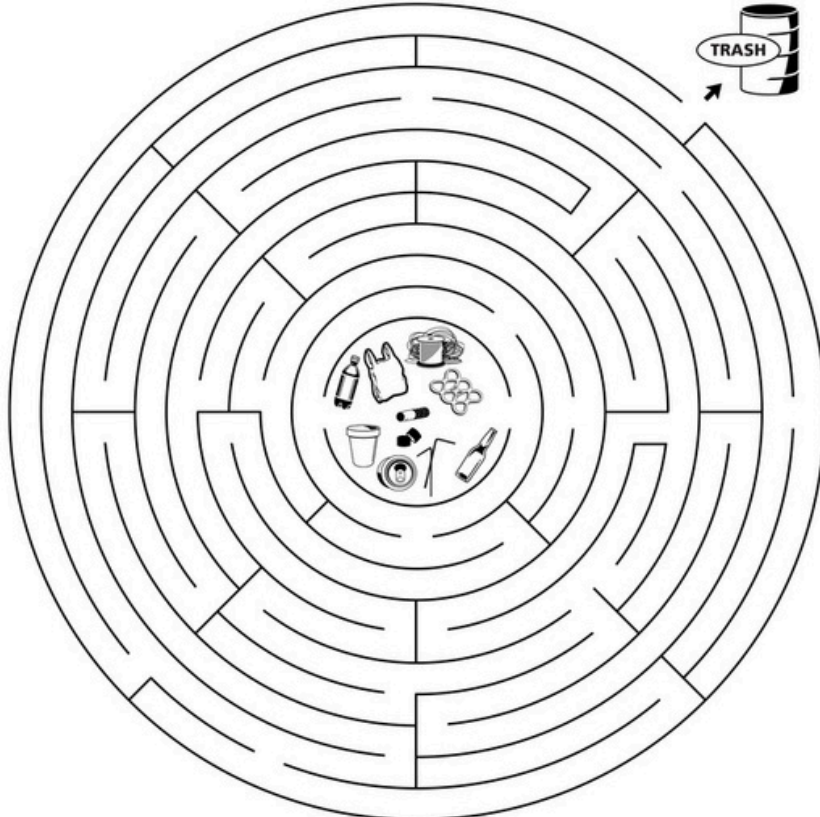
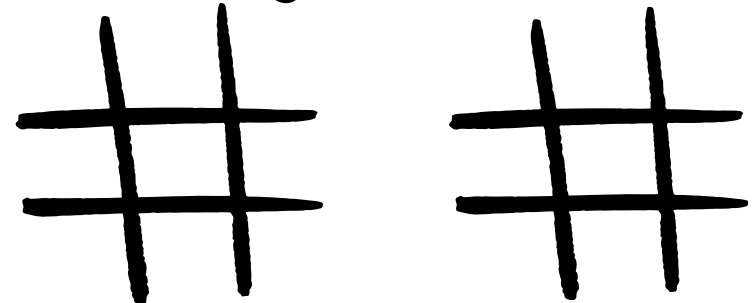
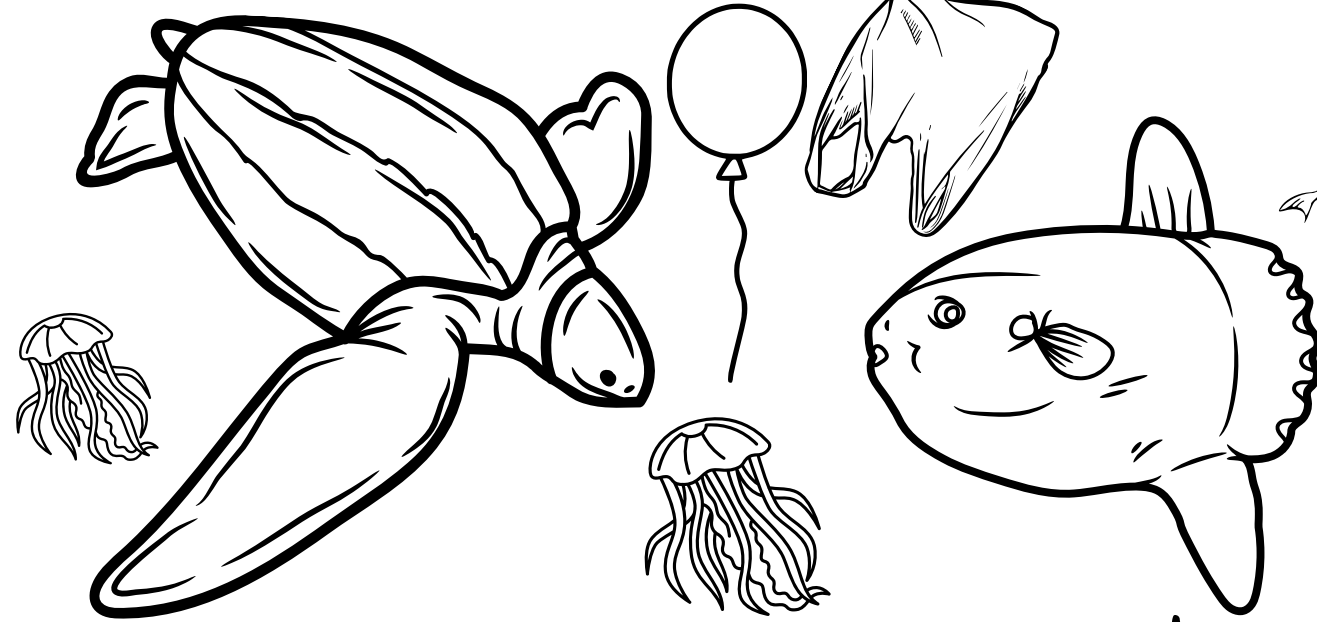
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THANKS!

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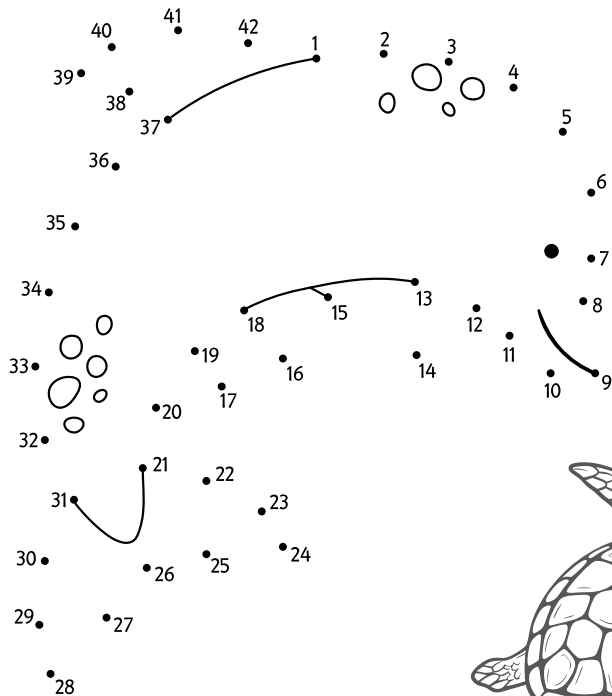
Keep It Beachy Clean! ALWAYS put your trash in a trash can, even if it takes a few extra steps! Recycle cans, glass, plastic bottles and cardboard. Thanks for not littering!



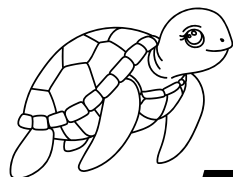
Leatherback sea turtles and ocean sunfish love to eat jellies, and they get pretty big doing it! Balloons and plastic bags can mimic their favorite meal and if ingested, can cause harm to these giants of the sea. Never release balloons and use reusable bags. Because who wants to swim with the jellies if no one is around to eat them?

Which marine mammal are you most likely to spot in Virginia Beach in the summer?

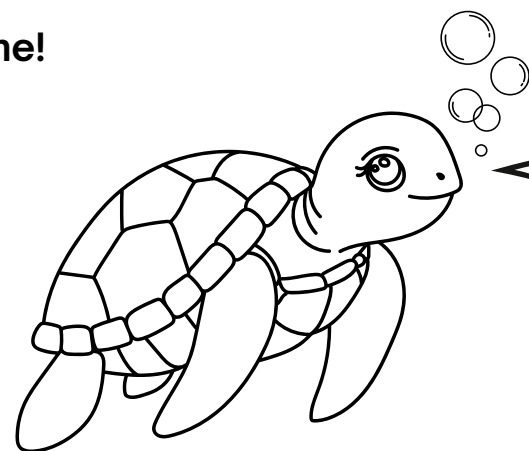
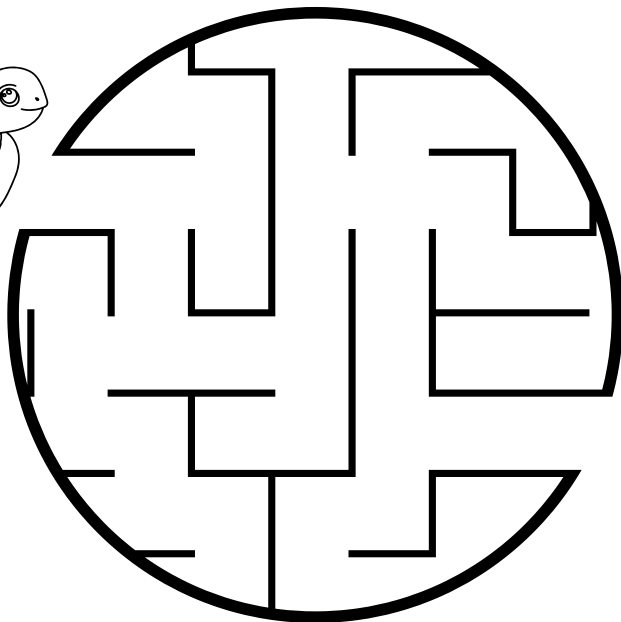
Connect the dots to find out!



Help the baby sea turtle find her way home!

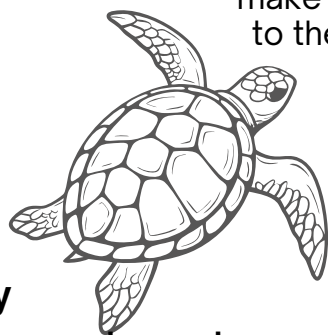


Watch baby sea turtles make their way to the ocean!!



Thanks for Keeping It Beachy Clean! You're Turtley Awesome!

After baby sea turtles hatch, they spend 20-30 years swimming thousands of miles around the ocean, eating and getting bigger. When the females are ready to lay their own eggs, they go back to the beach where they were originally born. Now that's impressive!

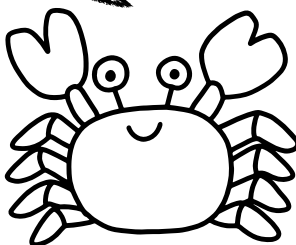


Thanks for reusing beach toys! It makes me feel less crabby!

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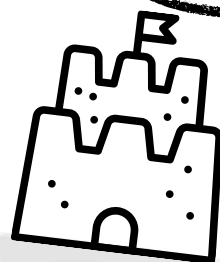
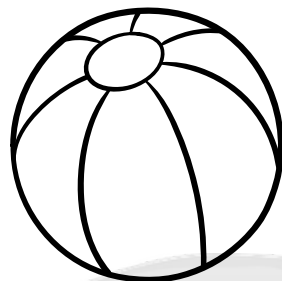
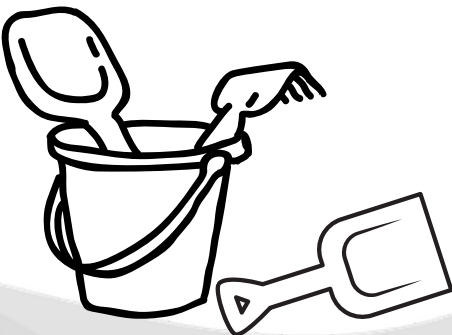
Circle the words that are beach & ocean related. Cross out the words for the items that don't belong on beaches and in waterways. Use the remaining letters to spell out a phrase below.

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	FISH	SAND
(Bottle) CAP	LITTER	SEA
CRAB	OCEAN	SHARK
(Drink) CAN	(Plastic) BAG	TRASH
DOG POO	(Plastic) BOTTLE	TURTLE
DOLPHIN	WHALE	

Take a Toy or Leave a Toy

Did you know that you can reuse and recycle beach toys in Virginia Beach? Drop off your gently used toys or grab a toy for your day at the beach!



Find Beach Toy Libraries all around the Virginia Beach and help keep plastic beach toys out of our waterways! Scan the QR Code for locations or visit KeepItBeachyClean.org/beach-toy-recycling. The Beach Toy Libraries are managed by Clean Virginia Waterways, Lynnhaven River NOW and Tidewater Master Naturalists.