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Litter in the real world



Lake

On the weekend, Sam and Ben went down to the Lake to look for fish and bugs. They noticed that there were food wrappers and bottles floating in the lake and that the water was quite smelly. The smell was quite off-putting, and Sam and Ben didn't think they would find any fish or bugs, so they decided to head home and get a fishing net from their dad so they could fish the litter out.



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Beach

After school on a warm day, Tim and Sarah headed to the beach. After playing in the water for a while they decided to run along the shore and find a good place to build sandcastles. Tim spotted something shiny in the sand and ran over to look at it. It was a half-buried shard of glass. Sarah noticed a coffee cup, a drink bottle and a paper plate were also being blown around. She knew that litter could harm sealife, birds and our environment so she picked it all up and put it in the bin.



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School playground

Rhianna and her friends decided to eat their lunch while they played hopscotch during lunchtime. When the bell rang they quickly ran straight back to their classroom, forgetting all about their rubbish they had put down beside their game. By the time they remembered about their litter it was too late, it had already been picked up by the wind and blown away.



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Roadside – urban area

Rachael was walking the family dog, Sparkles with her dad. As the humans walked along the footpath, Sparkles walked under the barrier for a sniff. Suddenly, Sparkles began licking something caught in the gutter. Rachael saw that it was a broken fizzy drink can with very sharp edges, so she quickly called Sparkles away from it. Rachael then noticed that there were all sorts of other things in the gutter, such as; plastic bottles, plastic bags and glass bottles. Rachael, and her dad were annoyed that someone had dropped the litter, but were relieved that Sparkles hadn't hurt herself. When she got home she grabbed a rubbish bag and put it by Sparkles lead so she could pick up the litter when they went for their afternoon walk.



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Local park

On a warm spring day, Jono and his family headed down to the local park to play on the playground and share some snacks. They had a wonderful time playing on the swings, slides and ladders. When it was time to leave, they couldn't see a bin close by, so they left their rubbish beside the playground fence.

Later that day, Jordan's family came along to enjoy the playground as well. They were annoyed when they got to the fence and saw the coffee cups, plastic wrapping and chip packets that Jono and his family had carelessly left behind. Luckily, Jordan's family knew where the bin was, so they picked up all the rubbish and took it to the other side of the park to dispose of it properly.



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Roadside – regional area

Billy and his mum were driving through the countryside on their way to visit his Grandma for her birthday. It was a long drive, so they decided to stop for a lunch break and pulled into a roadside rest area. As they got out of the car, Billy noticed empty glass bottles, plastic wrappers and empty food bags blowing around. He was surprised there was no bin at the rest area. His mum always carried rubbish bags in the boot of the car so he quickly grabbed one out and filled it up with the litter.



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Car park

Kelly, her dad and her sister, went to the park to eat dinner. As they were packing up, their receipt blew out of one of the food bags and across the car park. Kelly's dad quickly ran after it and managed to grab it before it got too far away. As Kelly was waiting for her dad to come back, she noticed that there were actually quite a few things floating around in the car park; more receipts, plastic bags and some drink cartons. She could see a bin nearby so she jumped out of the car and picked up the litter before it blew into the water.