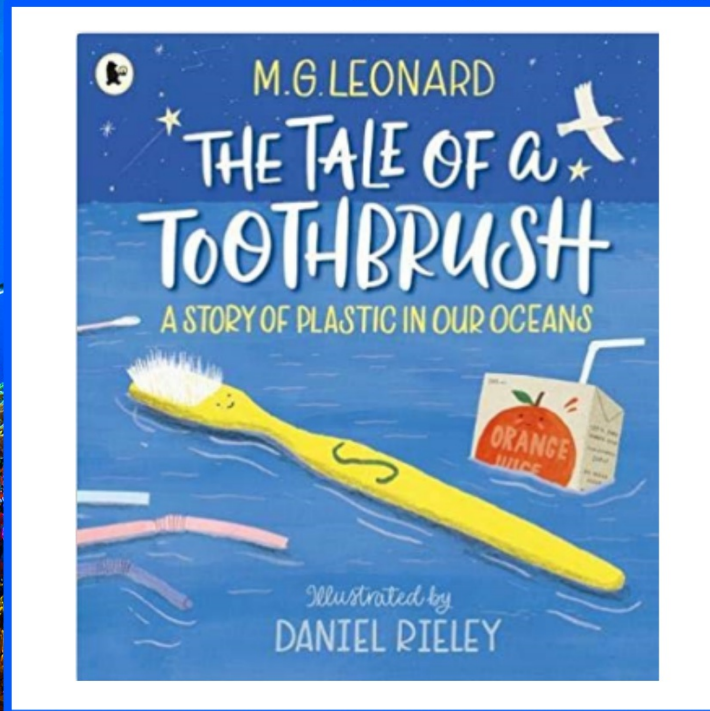



Day 1



An underwater scene featuring a vibrant coral reef with various colorful corals and small fish swimming in the blue water. The scene is framed by a blue border.

New words that we will come across in this story

Vocabulary

deflated

bobbed

albatross

squawked

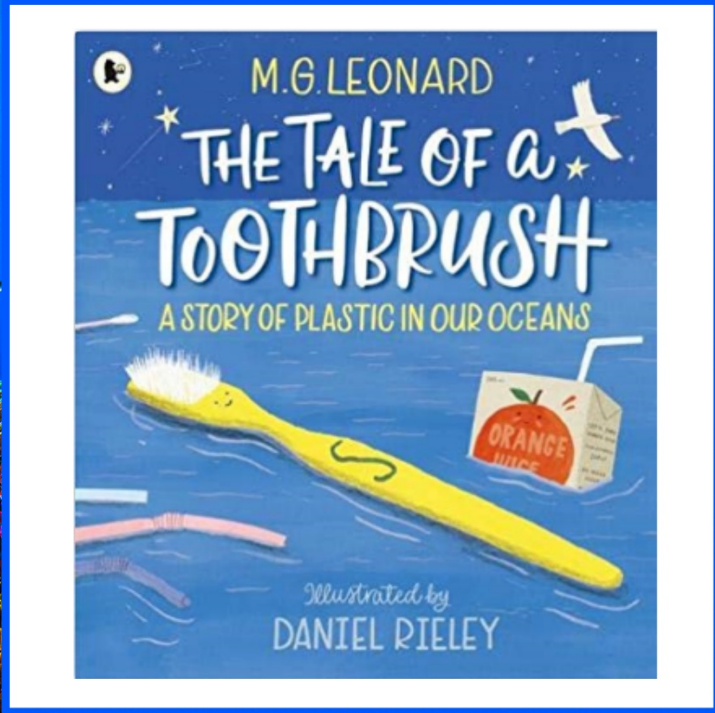
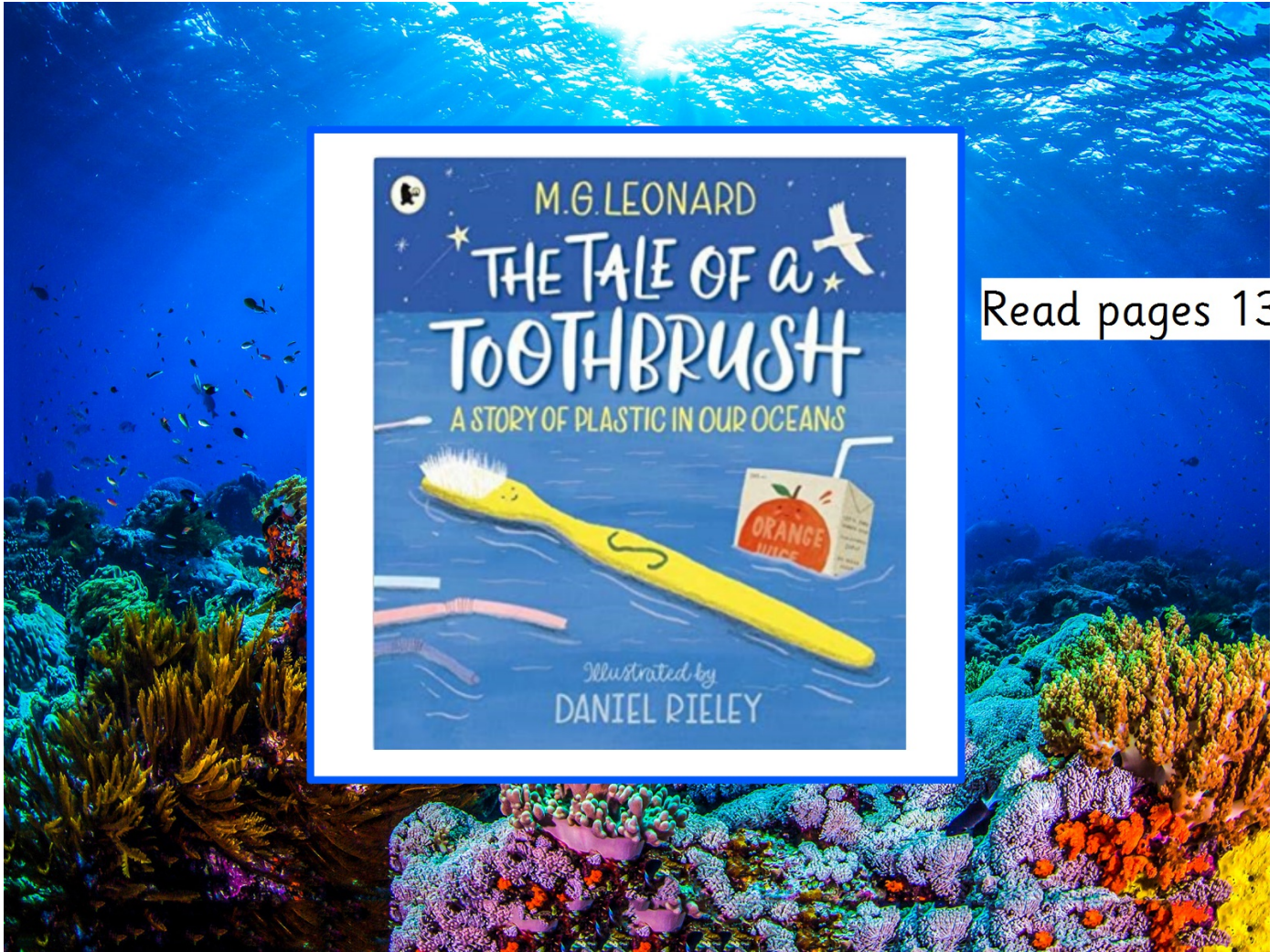
cocking

scooped

dazzling

whooped

rose up



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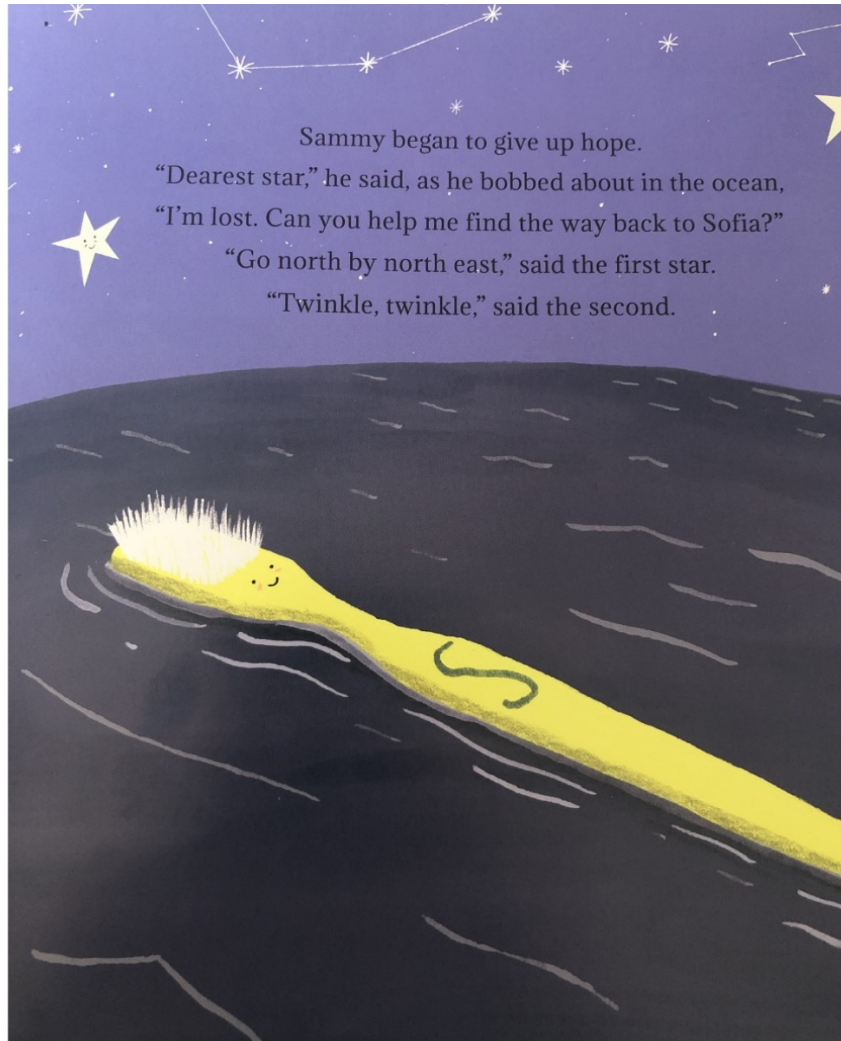
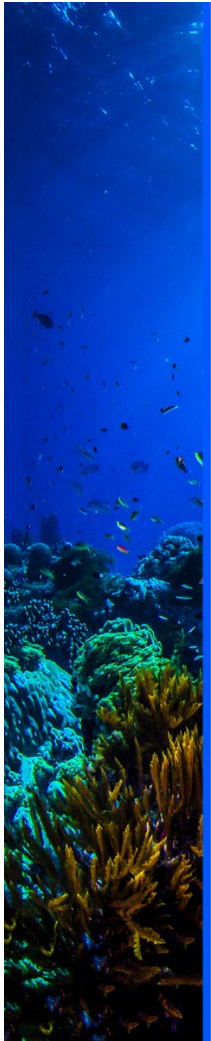
Sammy sailed for days
and weeks and months,
swirling and whirling in
the middle of the ocean.



He met a detergent bottle
who thought it was a pirate
ship, tried to talk to a
deflated balloon,

and swam up to a raft of
plastic straws who had banded
together. None of them could
help him find his way home.



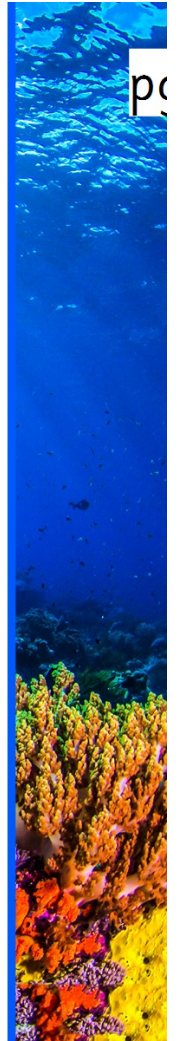


Sammy began to give up hope.

"Dearest star," he said, as he bobbed about in the ocean,
"I'm lost. Can you help me find the way back to Sofia?"

"Go north by north east," said the first star.

"Twinkle, twinkle," said the second.



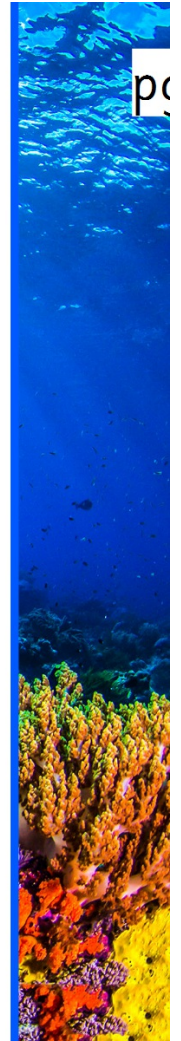
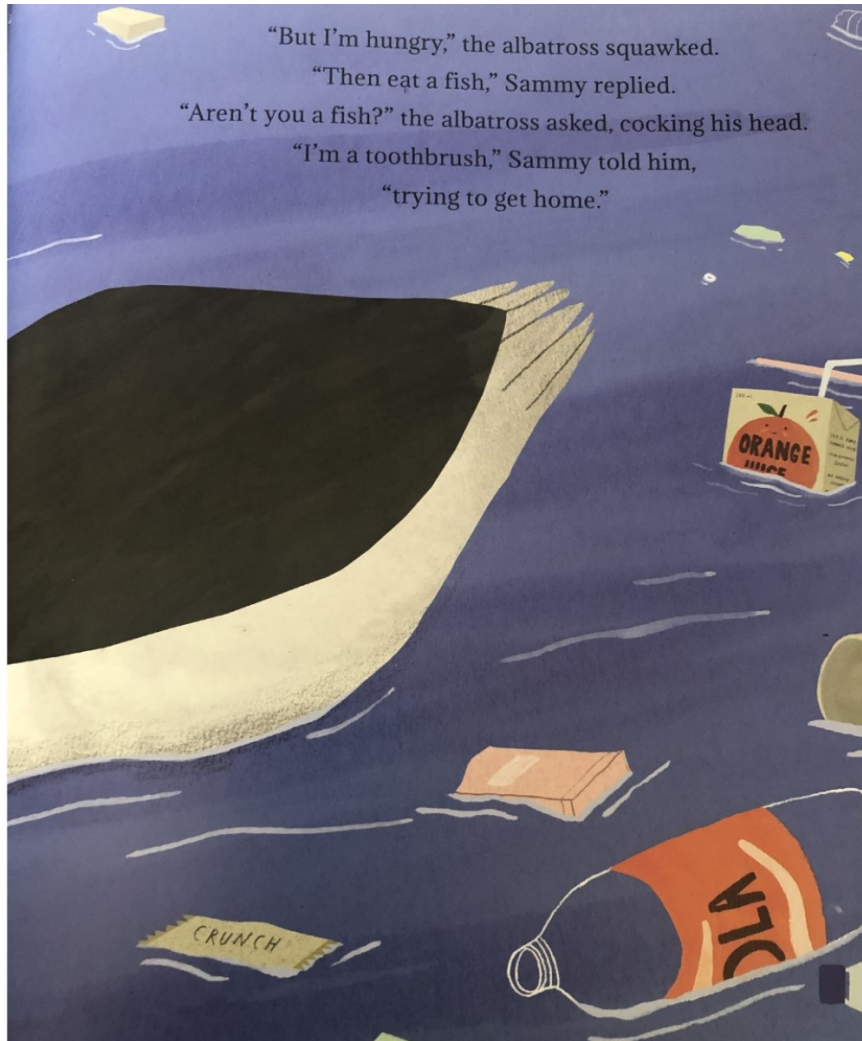
In the morning an albatross flew down, landing on
the water beside Sammy.

"Yum!" The albatross pecked his tummy.

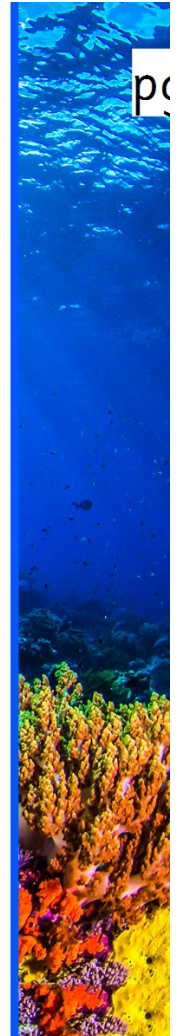
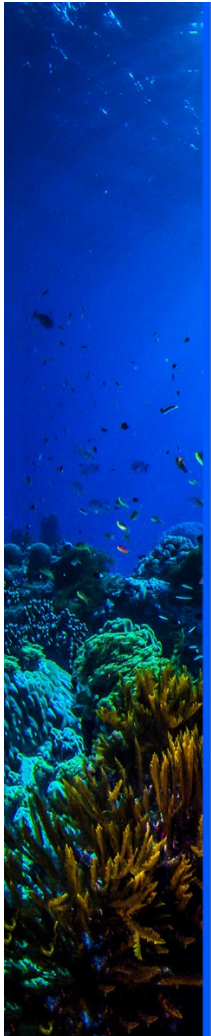
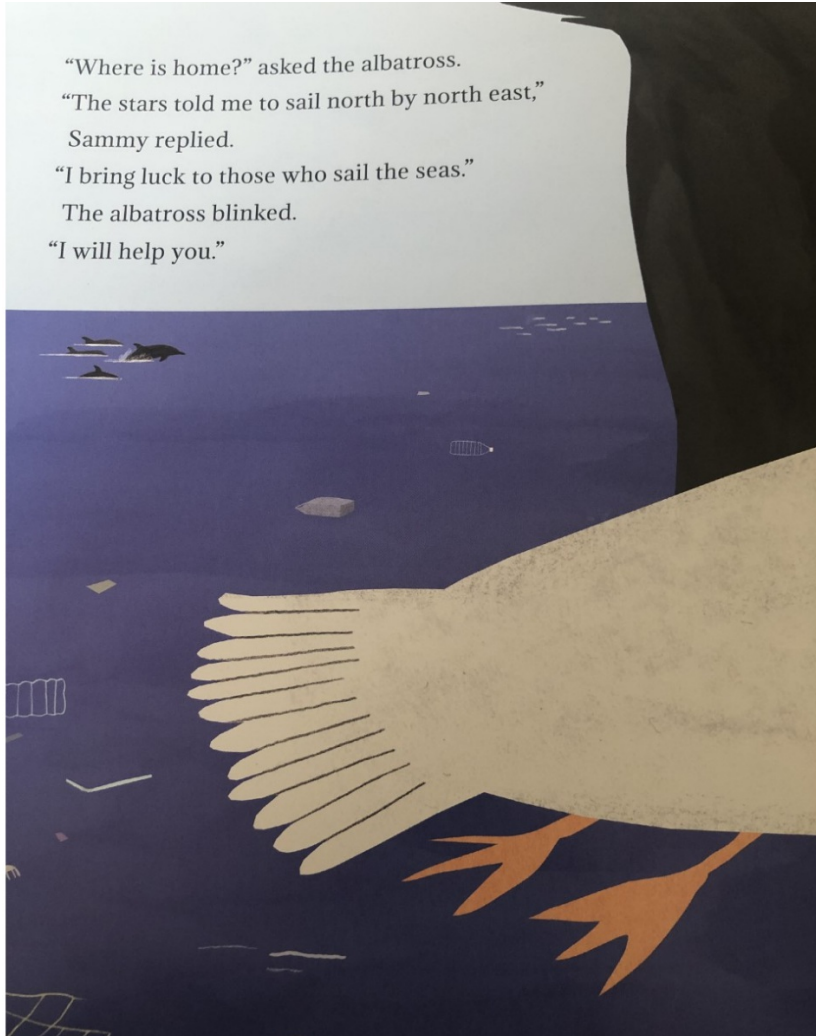
"Ow! Don't eat me," Sammy cried.

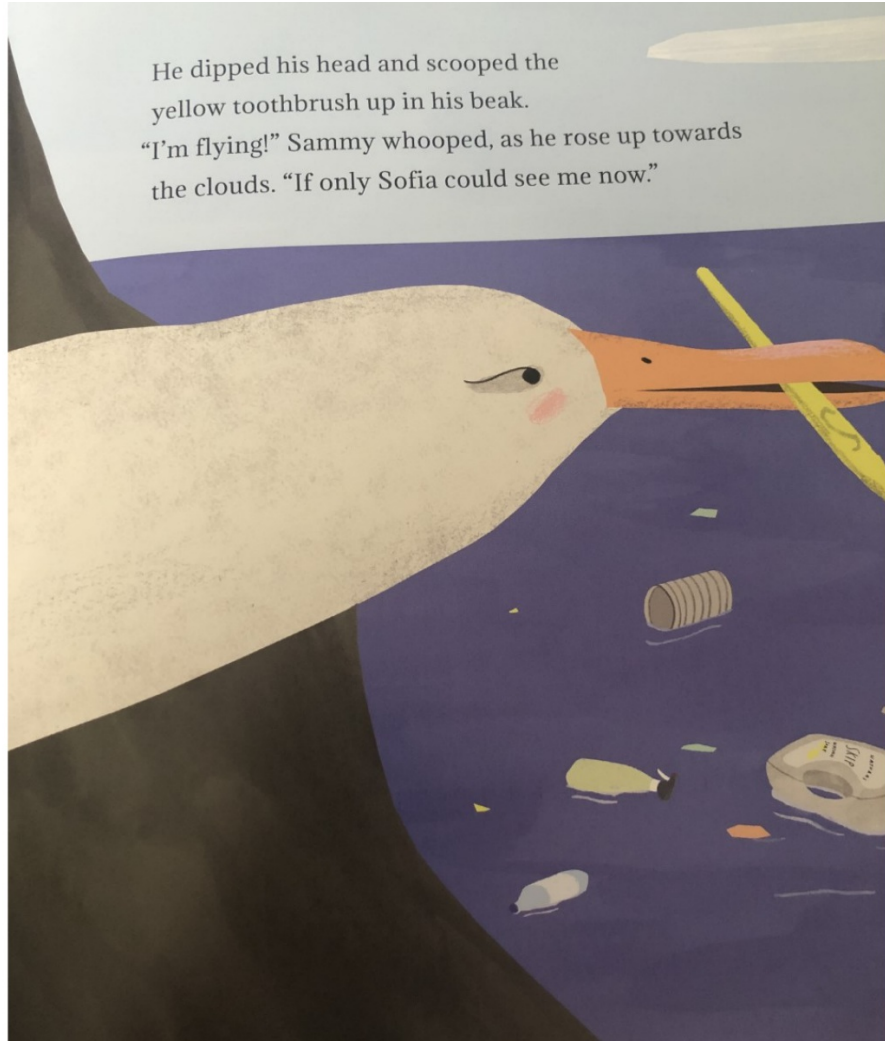
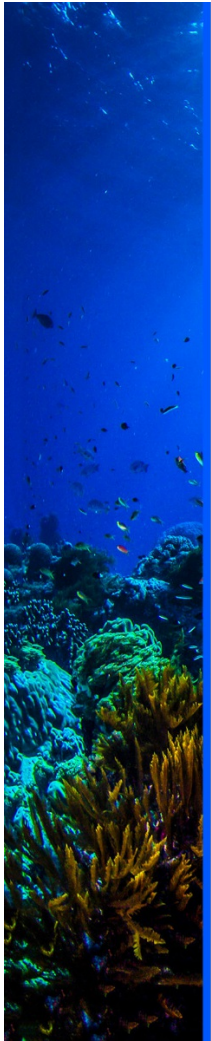
"I'm plastic. I'll make you sick."





"Where is home?" asked the albatross.
"The stars told me to sail north by north east,"
Sammy replied.
"I bring luck to those who sail the seas."
The albatross blinked.
"I will help you."





The albatross flew over oceans and high mountain ranges until, at last, they reached Sofia's house. He placed Sammy on the doormat and whispered goodbye.



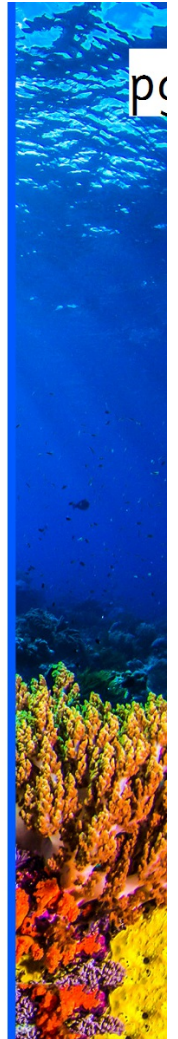
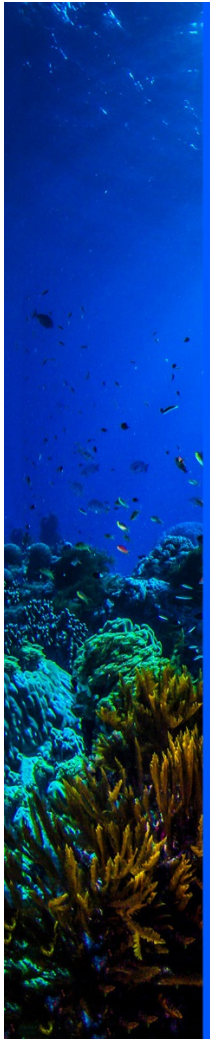
"LOOK! Mummy, it's Sammy!"
Sofia hugged the yellow toothbrush.

"It can't be," her mother frowned.

"It is, you can see where I drew the S."

"But you CANNOT clean your teeth with him Sofia," her mother said. "He's dirty."

Sammy's heart sank.



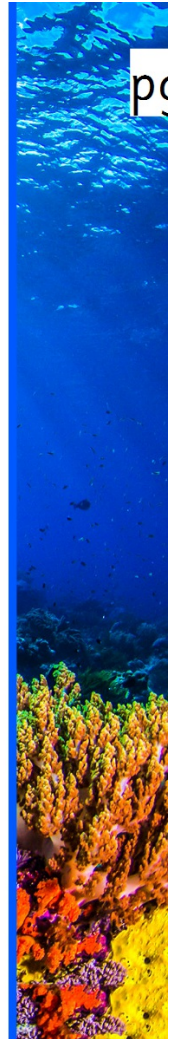
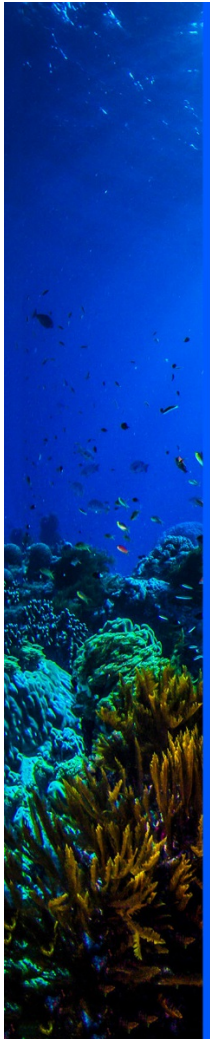
Sofia stared at the old yellow toothbrush.

"I may not be able to brush my teeth with him," she said, "but I can brush my doll's hair with him.

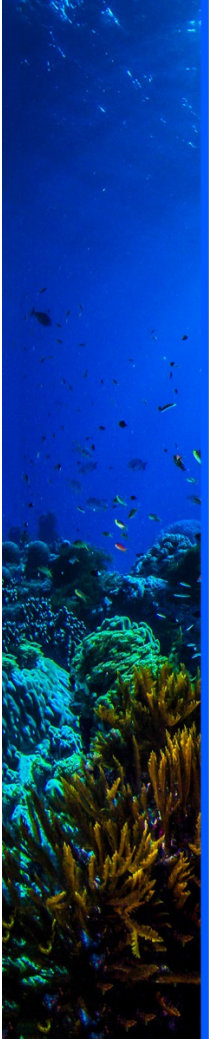


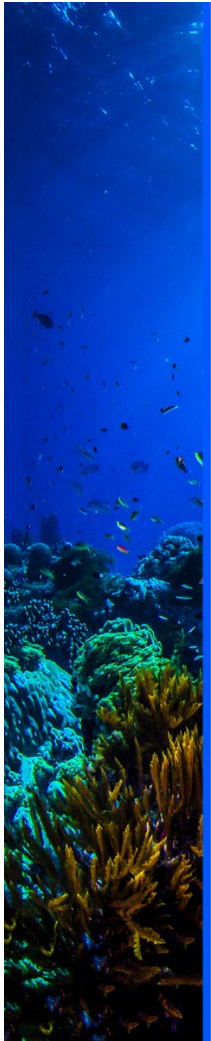
And I can clean my football boots with him.

And paint with him.
He's still very useful."

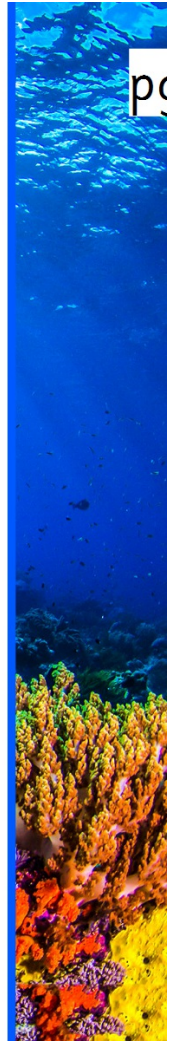


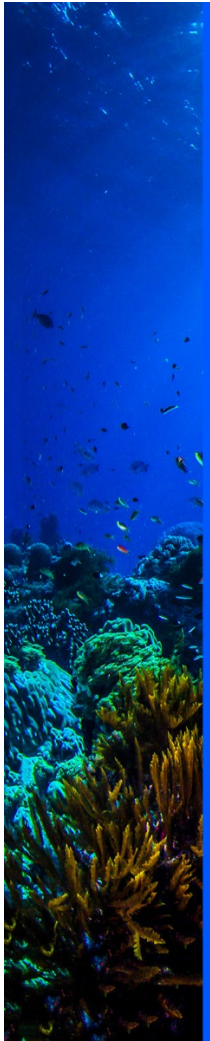
Sammy now lives in a jam jar,
on a shelf in the toy cupboard.
When Sofia sleeps, the toys beg him
to tell them the story of how the
toothbrush travelled the world.





"I rode in a truck, sailed on a ship and got dragged by a rat. I floated across the ocean with the stars for guidance. I flew back to Sofia in the beak of an albatross, because, without a use and someone to love us, we are all rubbish."





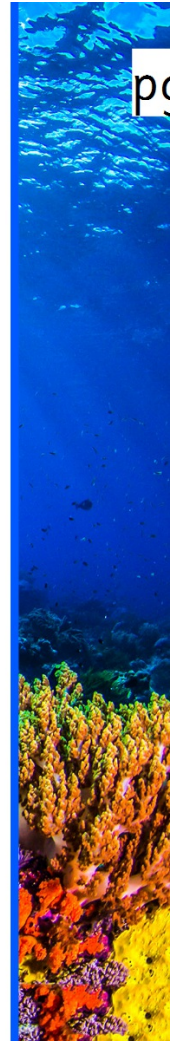
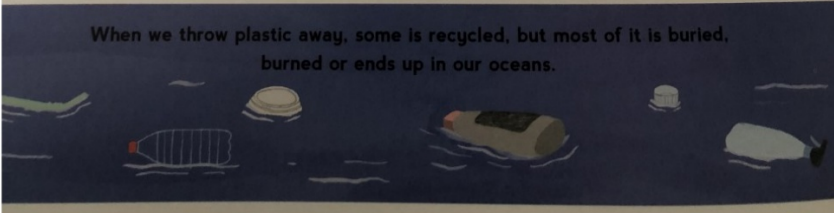
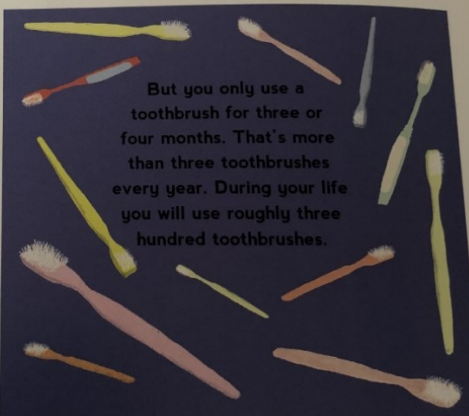
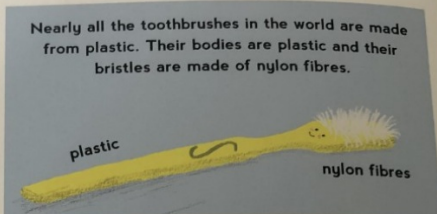

THE PROBLEM

Many toothbrushes can't be recycled because they are made of a mix of plastics that are difficult to separate.

Nearly all the toothbrushes in the world are made from plastic. Their bodies are plastic and their bristles are made of nylon fibres.

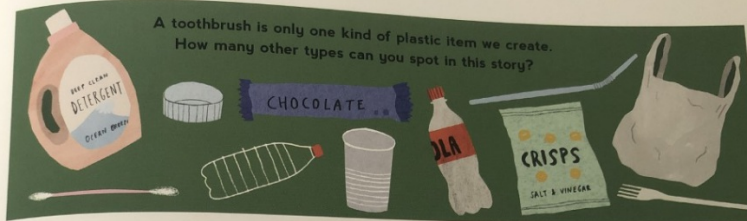
But you only use a toothbrush for three or four months. That's more than three toothbrushes every year. During your life you will use roughly three hundred toothbrushes.

When we throw plastic away, some is recycled, but most of it is buried, burned or ends up in our oceans.

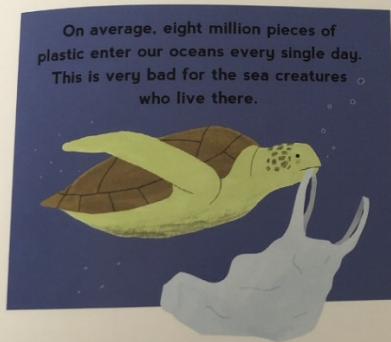


WITH PLASTIC

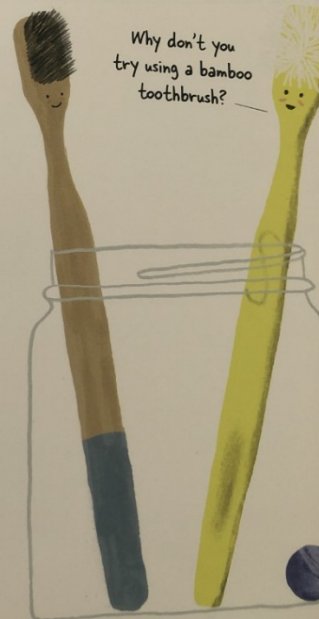
A toothbrush is only one kind of plastic item we create.
How many other types can you spot in this story?



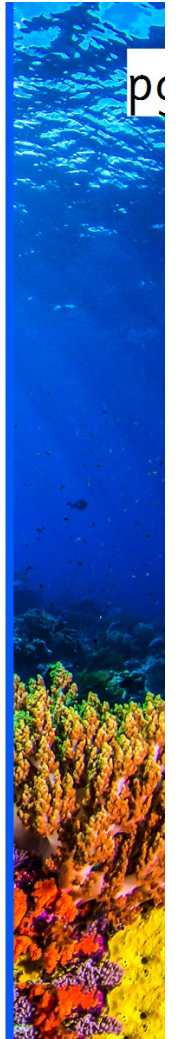
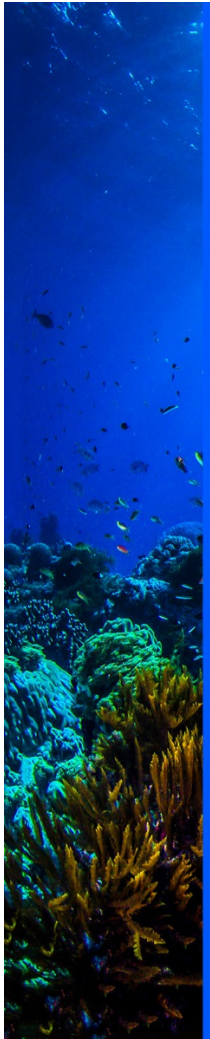
On average, eight million pieces of plastic enter our oceans every single day. This is very bad for the sea creatures who live there.




Why don't you try using a bamboo toothbrush?



Plastic has been found washed up on beaches all around the world.





guidance


Vocabulary

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guidance [gahyd-ns] [SHOW IPA](#) 



Vocabulary

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Which of the following words would best replace the word guidance?



support

neglect

serve



Vocabulary

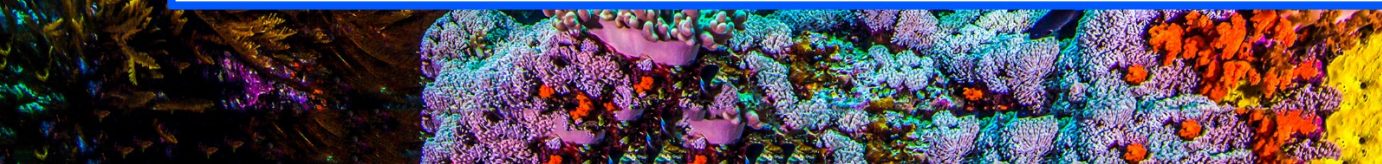
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We can use the word guidance in other ways:

guide

guiding


guided



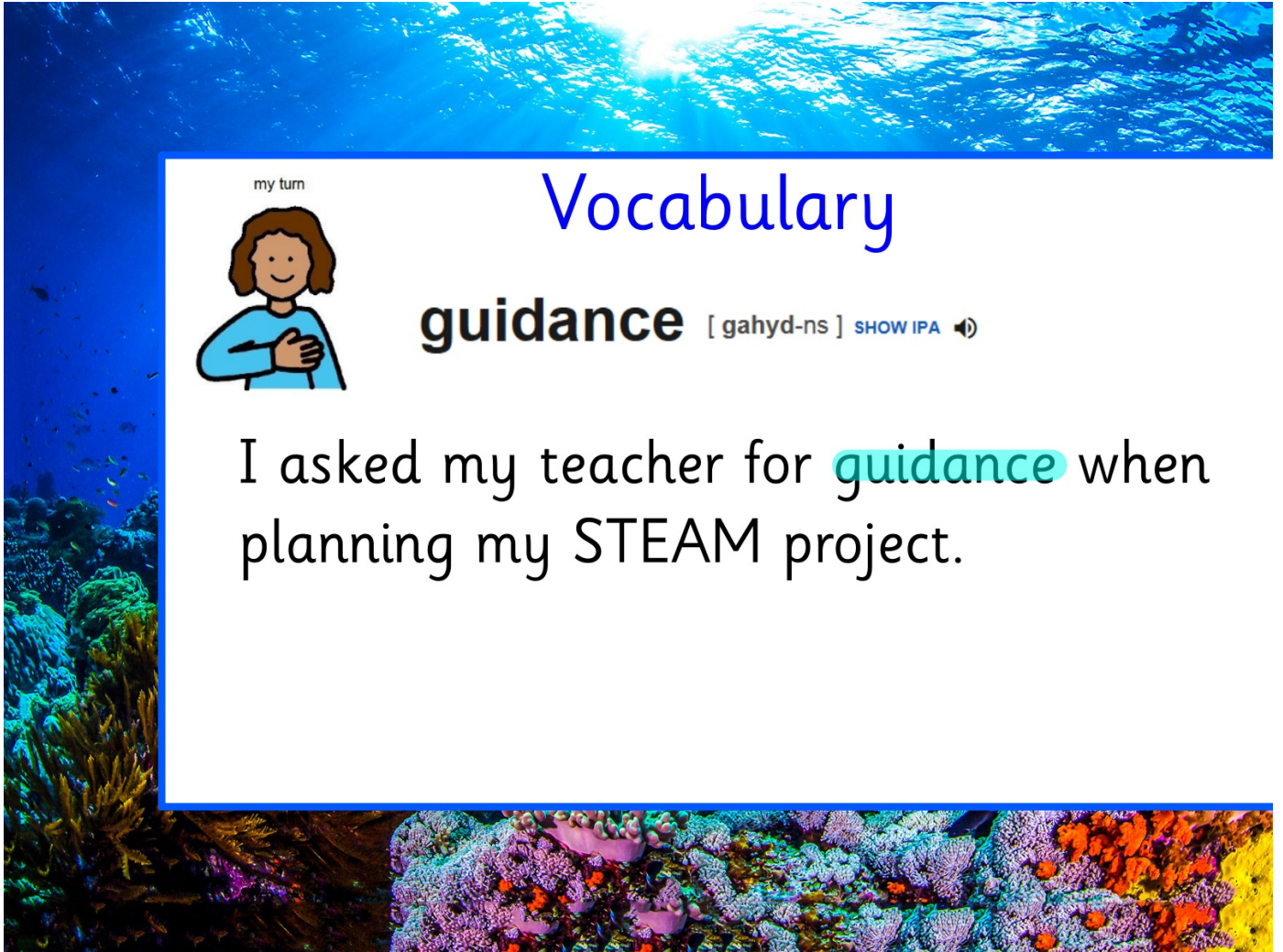
my turn



Vocabulary

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I asked my teacher for **guidance** when planning my STEAM project.





Vocabulary

Create a sentence with your partner using the word guidance, guide, guiding or guided



Balance Targets

- With support if needed, read longer words, testing out different pronunciations
- Decode most new words in an age-appropriate text.
- Read an age-appropriate text fluently.



Reading Rules

- 1. Take it in turns with someone at home to read each page and place book in the middle.**
- 2. If you get to the end, go back to the start and swap who starts.**
- 3. Use your finger stick to sweep under the words at the pace of your partner's reading speed.**
- 4. Read in your head if not reading aloud.**
- 5. If reading aloud, use expression and ensure your reading flows.**