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Do We Need the Packaging?

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Suggested Teaching and Learning

Text Type: Non-Fiction

Genre: Description

Suggested Reading Recovery Level: 4

Word Count: 91

ACARA F-1 references

Learning Areas: English; Humanities and Social Sciences

General Capabilities: Literacy; Ethical Understanding

Cross Curriculum Priorities: Sustainability

Understanding Texts

- Before reading, build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Ensure students know what packaging is; what foods are packaged and why and that a lot of packaging is made from plastic. *UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, have students recall the reasons that food is packaged - for freshness, safety and containment. Use examples from the text. Encourage students to think of other examples of food for each category such as biscuits for freshness and strawberries for safety. *UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, discuss the different ways plastic damages the environment. Make links to other texts that students may have read that discuss the environmental impact of plastics. *UnT4, UnT5

Vocabulary: food, packaging, plastic

High Frequency Words: at, do, from, is, it, keep, look, not, some, the, this, to

Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the words food and good. Notice each word has the same medial vowel pattern. Say each word and hear the difference in the way each sounds. Make word strings for each such as food, mood and brood and good, hood and stood. *PhA2, PKW6
- Locate the words bananas, apples and oranges. Have students notice the s on the end that denotes plural. Read each word with and without the s. *PKW5

*National Literacy Learning Progressions



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What is packaging?

This is packaging.



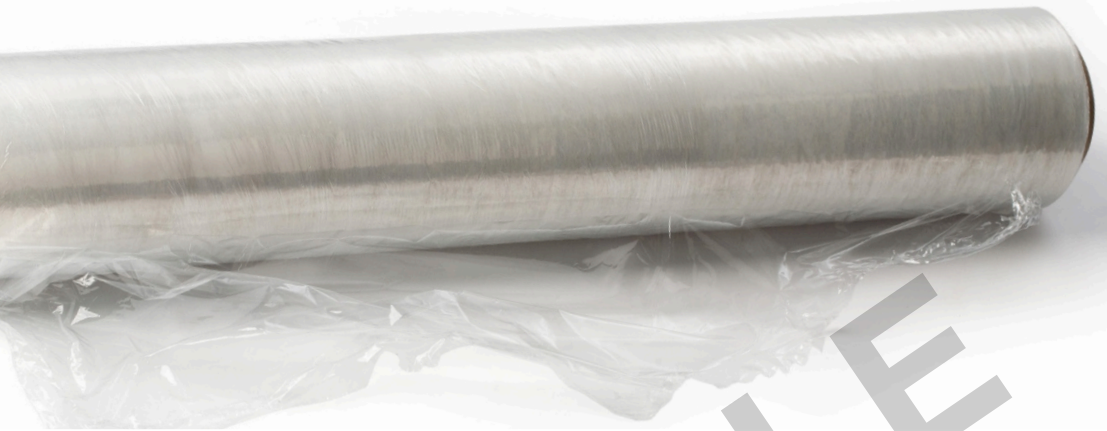
This is packaging.



This is packaging too!



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Food needs packaging

Some food
needs packaging.



Some food
needs packaging,
to keep it fresh.



Some food
needs packaging,
to keep it safe.



Look at this food.
It needs packaging too.



Glossary



card



environment



plastic

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Do We Need the Packaging?

Do We Need the Packaging? is a simple non-fiction text that looks at the necessity for packaging whilst questioning the over-reliance on plastic packaging for some foods.

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