

# Say No to Plastic Straws

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## Suggested Teaching and Learning

**Text Type:** Non-Fiction

**Genre:** Description

**Suggested Reading Recovery Level:** 4

**Word Count:** 84

### ACARA F-1 references

**Learning Areas:** English; Humanities and Social Sciences

**General Capabilities:** Literacy; Ethical Understanding

**Cross Curriculum Priorities:** Sustainability

### Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Tell students that plastic straws are harmful to the environment as they can not be recycled; they can hurt bird and sea life and they stay in the environment for many, many years. \*UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, talk with students about some of the ways that plastic straws are harmful. \*UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, discuss with students the alternatives to plastic straws such as no straws, paper straws and metal straws. \*UnT4

**Vocabulary:** environment, plastic, sand

**High Frequency Words:** are, can, for, good, here, on, stay, they, this, time, we, will, you

### Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the words plastic, water and environment. Clap each to hear the syllables. \*PhA2
- Locate the words stay and straws. Notice the initial st blend. Make a list of other words that start with st. If time permits, encourage students to notice the initial three letter blend in the word straws. Encourage them to think of other words that start the same way such as stripe, strip and street.

\*National Literacy Learning Progressions

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# Plastic straws

This is a **plastic** straw.

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Plastic straws  
are not good  
for the **environment.**



Plastic straws will stay in the environment for a long, long time.



# Compost bin

The old plastic straws  
can not go in here.

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# Recycle bin

We can not put the old plastic straws in here.

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# Say No to Plastic Straws

**Say No to Plastic Straws** is a simple non-fiction text that addresses the damage to the environment caused by plastic straws. Readers are urged to say no to plastic straws.

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