

# 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.

<sup>\*</sup>National Literacy Learning Progressions

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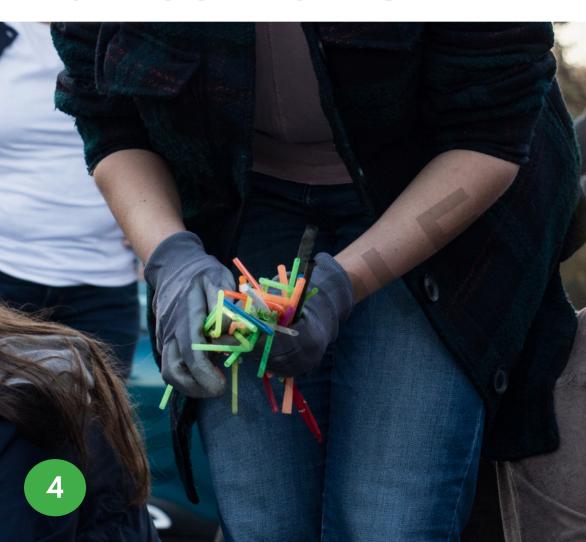
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## Plastic straws This is a plastic straw.





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.





## 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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