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Content: Fiction, storytelling.

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English-literacy, Social Sciences,

General Capabilities:

Literacy, critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability.

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Teacher Notes:**Discussion points for consideration:**

Messages in a Bottle can form the basis of many discussions. Geography and science discussions on countries, ocean currents, and materials that do not decay or wear away. Apart from these discussions, there are many more on the content of the messages in literacy classes. Messages in a Bottle is a great resource across a range of subjects. It can be used in literacy and handwriting as well as other subjects.

Difficult words to be introduced and practised before reading this book:

bottle, message, imagine, surprise, address, capsule, Australia, discovered, hunger, Atlantic, tragedy, Titanic, Jeremiah, Lusitania, submarine, passenger, minutes, beautiful, Manhattan, containing, cyclone, Switzerland, excellent, paint, understanding, distance, newspaper.

Acknowledgement of the First Nations' People:

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

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1. Bottles from the Past

A bottle seems like the wrong way to send a message. The message may get wet. The bottle may break on the rocks or against the side of a boat.

Imagine if you were to write a letter and it was found 10 or 20 years later! What about if the letter was found 100 years from now and was found by your grandson? What a surprise that would be!

Hi, my name is Montana, the year is 2020, July 6th.
If you get this letter throw it back into the sea.
This bottle is from Australia.

Bye XOXO



2. Time Capsules

Finding a note in a bottle is very exciting. Some messages are very small and have no address. Some notes have more detail. It is a time capsule.

A bottle in the ocean may take a long time to drift in the currents.

A message in a bottle can be put somewhere on land. You can put a message inside your house. You do not need to put the bottle in the ocean.

20th January 1934

Dear finder of my bottle,

I live in Sydney, Australia and my name is Emily Smith. I put this bottle in my wall for you to find.

This is the picture of the Harbour Bridge which I saw being built.



What to talk about in a message? It may take more than 100 years before a message is read. You can pass special messages on to people in the future to read. You may talk about what is happening to you now.

Most messages contain the name of the person, the date, and the place where the bottle started its travels.

These bottles can travel long distances and take a long time to reach a destination.

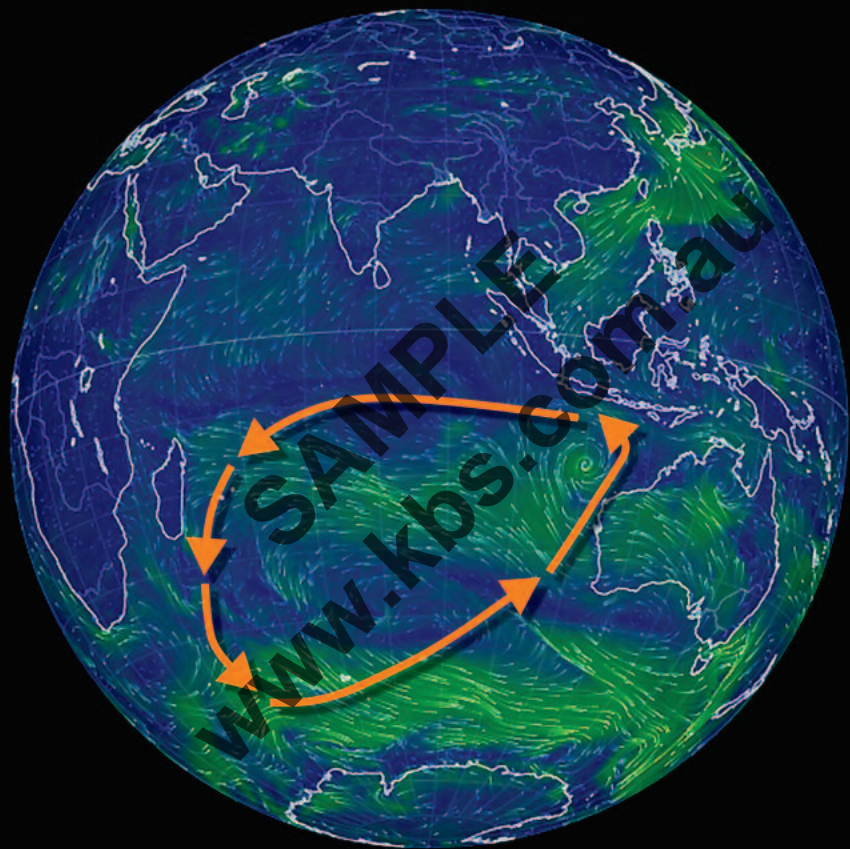


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3. An Old Message

In 2018, Tonya Illman was walking in sand hills on Wedge Island. This sand island is north of Perth in Western Australia.

She discovered an old bottle with a rolled-up piece of paper inside, tied up with string. The paper was dated June 12, 1886, and was from a German ship. It had been put in the ocean 132 years earlier. The bottle had been placed in the water near Africa in the Indian Ocean.



The German navy used bottles to study the drift of the oceans. The oceans are like a giant belt of moving water. It moves in giant circles across the world.

By understanding the currents, you can work out the best way to travel across the oceans. Ocean currents affect the weather by bringing warm or cold water. If your bottle is in a strong current, it can be pulled along very quickly.