



Student Performance Events

Stimulus Materials

Proficiency Assessments for Mississippi Students-Alternate
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Grade 8 Released

ELA, Mathematics, and Science

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ELA

Johnny is playing a video game in the living room. Mom asks him to take out the trash, so he stops playing and does his chore. Johnny is being _____ to his mother.

respected

respectful

disrespecting

Mom asks Johnny to take out the trash. He takes it out for her. Johnny is being _____ to his mother.

**Johnny is showing his mother respect.
He is being _____ to his mother.**

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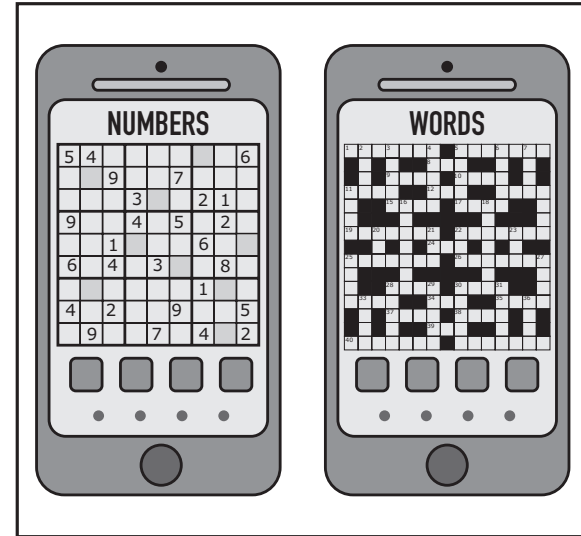
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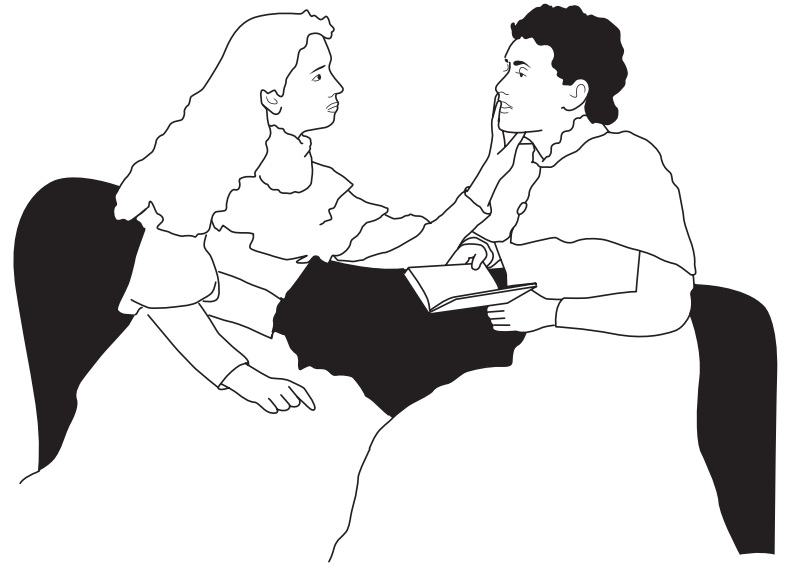
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The Gift of a Teacher

On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan entered Helen Keller's life. Helen's father and mother employed Anne Sullivan as a teacher for their daughter. Helen was to become a student and Anne Sullivan would be her teacher.



Helen Keller

Helen Keller was born seven years earlier on June 27, 1880. As a very young child, she became ill with a high fever that left her deaf and blind. She lost her hearing and sight. Still, Helen was curious about the natural world around her. She was able to communicate with her parents using her hands, but she could not tell them her ideas.



Anne Sullivan

As a young girl, Anne Sullivan wanted to go to school and receive an education. Yet to receive an education, Sullivan had to overcome many challenges. Sullivan, like Helen, had many struggles early in her life. She had a painful eye disease that left her nearly blind.

Because of the struggles of her early life, Sullivan was not able to attend school until she was fourteen years old. When she arrived at the Perkins School for the Blind, she was very different from the other students. She did not know how to read and write. While there, Sullivan made fast progress in her learning. She learned the manual alphabet which would later be critical in educating Helen. At the age of twenty, she graduated and then she moved to Alabama to become Helen's teacher. Sullivan prepared as best she could for this new challenge of teaching Helen, not fully knowing what to expect. However, she was determined to accomplish what she was hired to do and to help Helen move beyond her quiet world.

Teaching Helen

The methods that Sullivan first used to teach Helen were not helpful. She realized that to teach Helen, she needed to follow Helen's curiosity of the natural world and help her make sense of it. Sullivan had to rethink how to best teach Helen.

Sullivan started with fingerspelling the names of things that interested Helen into her hand. Fingerspelling is a form of sign language in which single letters are formed by the fingers to spell out words. At first, Helen didn't understand what the words meant. That all changed one day when Sullivan was pouring water over Helen's hand and spelled the word "water" into Helen's hand. Helen suddenly understood that everything had a name and that the words Sullivan fingerspelled named things.



A Hopeful Future

From that day on, Helen wanted to explore with her hands and learn the name of every object in the world around her. Sullivan had helped Helen to move beyond her quiet world. Helen eventually also attended the Perkins School. She continued her education, and Sullivan remained by her side to assist Helen in her education. Helen earned a college degree.



Anne Sullivan's goal was to use her education to better the lives of others. Helen had become a student, and Sullivan had become her teacher. Sullivan had also become Helen's friend. A teacher, who is also a friend, can give many gifts. Sullivan had given Helen a new life full of joy and hope.

**Anne Sullivan was a caring person
and did not give up.**

Helen's father and mother employed Anne Sullivan as a teacher.

To become a teacher, Sullivan had to overcome many challenges.

Anne Sullivan was twenty years old when she began teaching Helen.

Sullivan helped Helen learn the names of objects.

Sullivan met Helen's parents when she was twenty years old.

Most people should become teachers.

Teachers can change the lives of students.

People should work for many years.

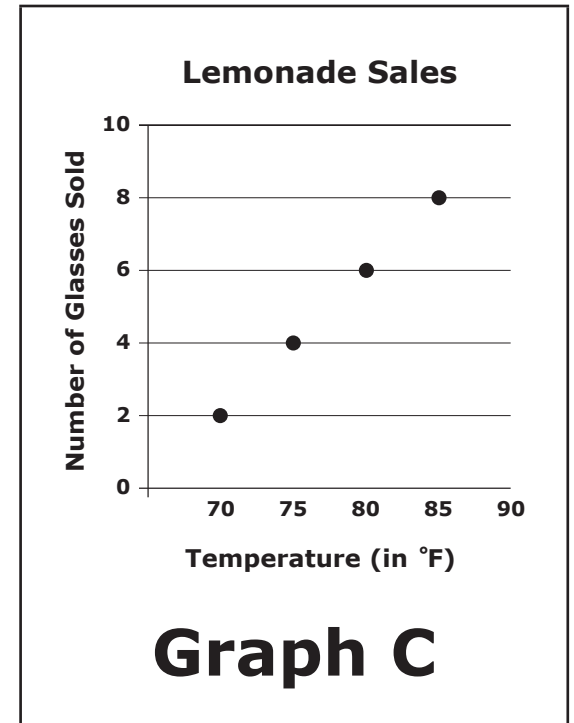
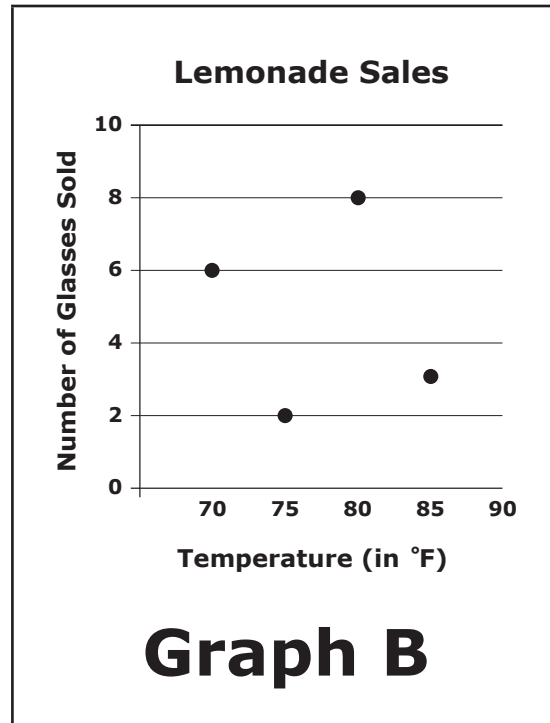
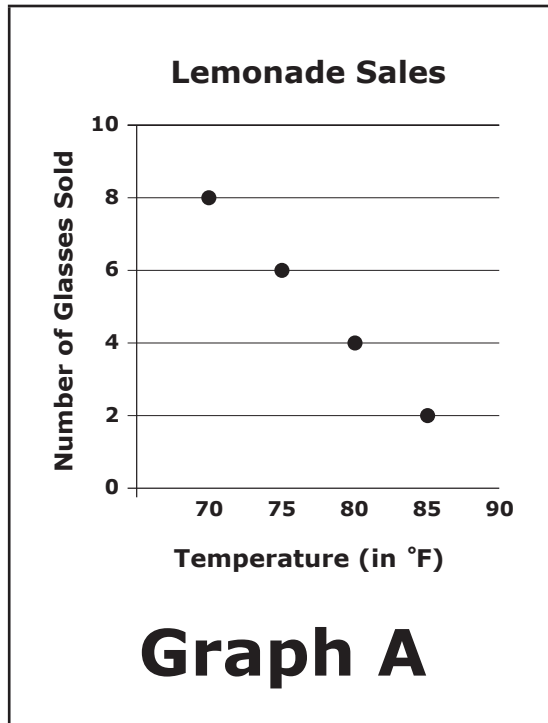
Teachers can help students.

Teachers can drive to school.

Mathematics

Avery is selling glasses of lemonade in her neighborhood. As the temperature outside increases, the number of glasses of lemonade sold increases.

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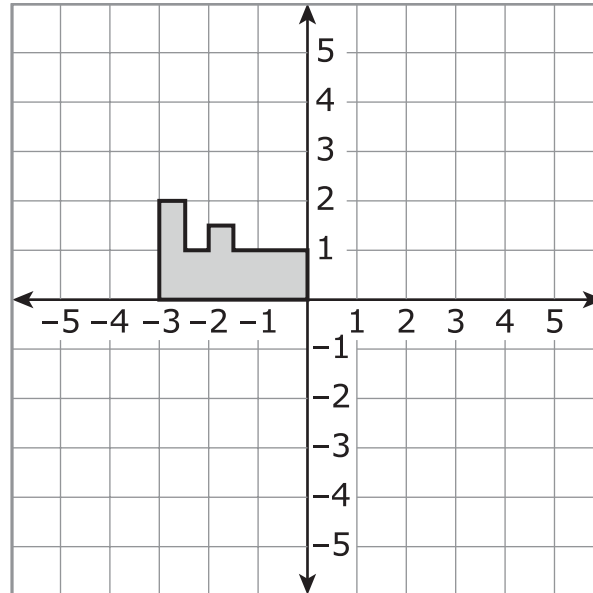
	Boys	Girls
bus	6	4
car	1	4
walk	3	2

**There are more boys than girls
that ride the bus to school.**

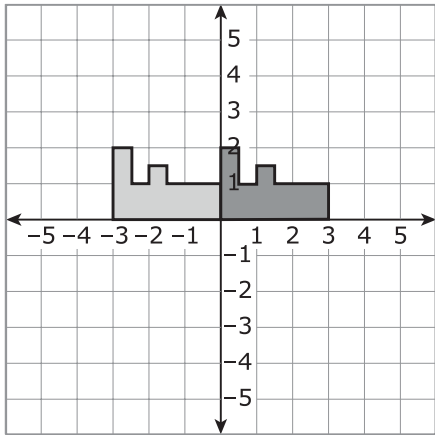
**There are more girls than boys
that ride the bus to school.**

**There are an equal number of boys
and girls that ride the bus to school.**

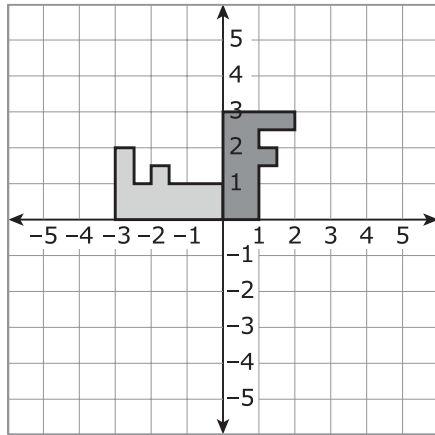
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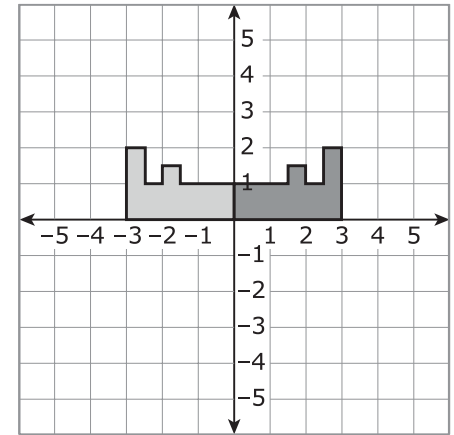
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Graph A



Graph B



Graph C

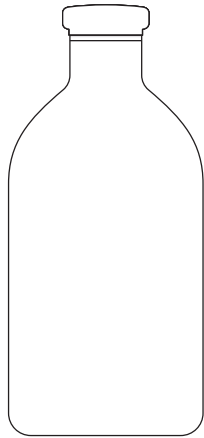
Science

Some objects can be recycled to be made into another product. Other objects cannot be recycled and are put into landfills.

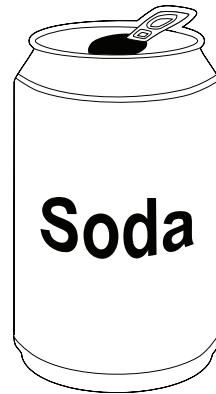
**glass
bottle**

**soda
can**

**foam
container**



**glass
bottle**



**soda
can**



**foam
container**

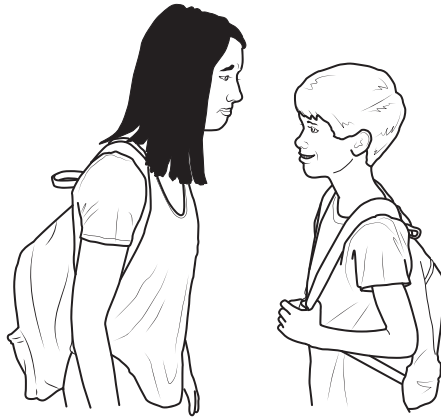
eye color

ears pierced

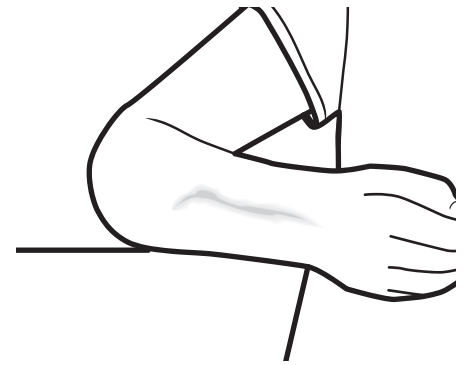
dimples in cheeks



**freckles on
skin**

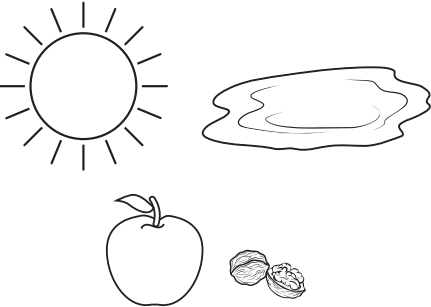


hair color



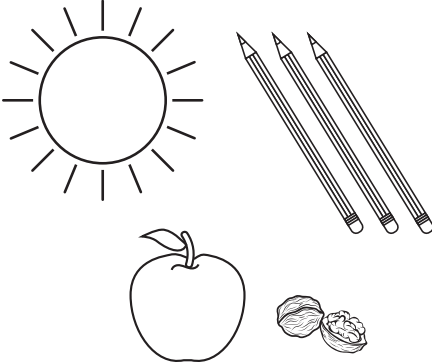
scar on arm

There are certain things every organism needs to survive. Some of these things are found in the environment.



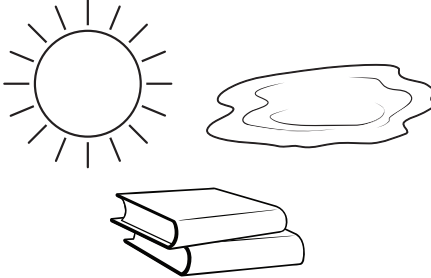
**sunlight,
water, and
food**

This panel contains three line drawings: a sun with rays, a puddle of water, an apple, and two walnuts.



**sunlight,
pencils, and
food**

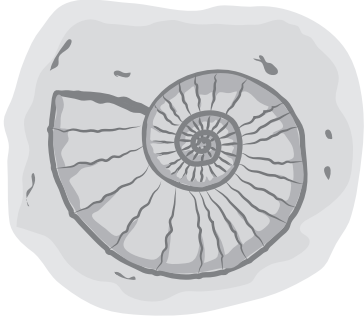

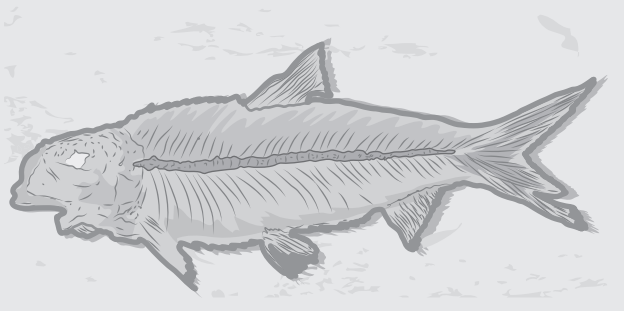
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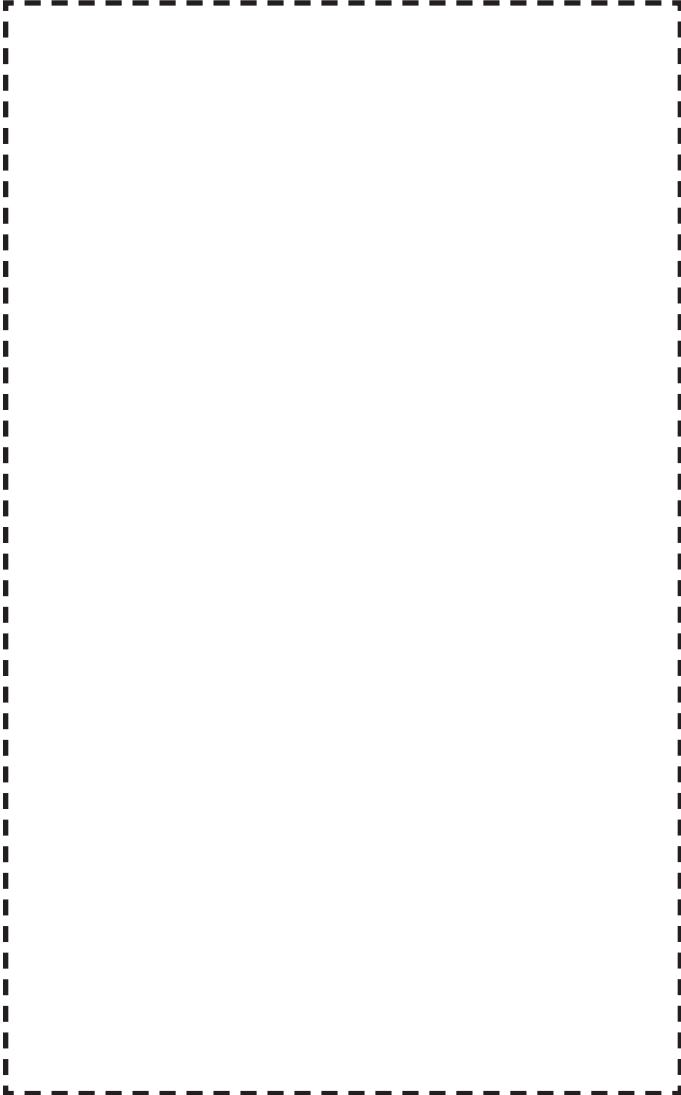
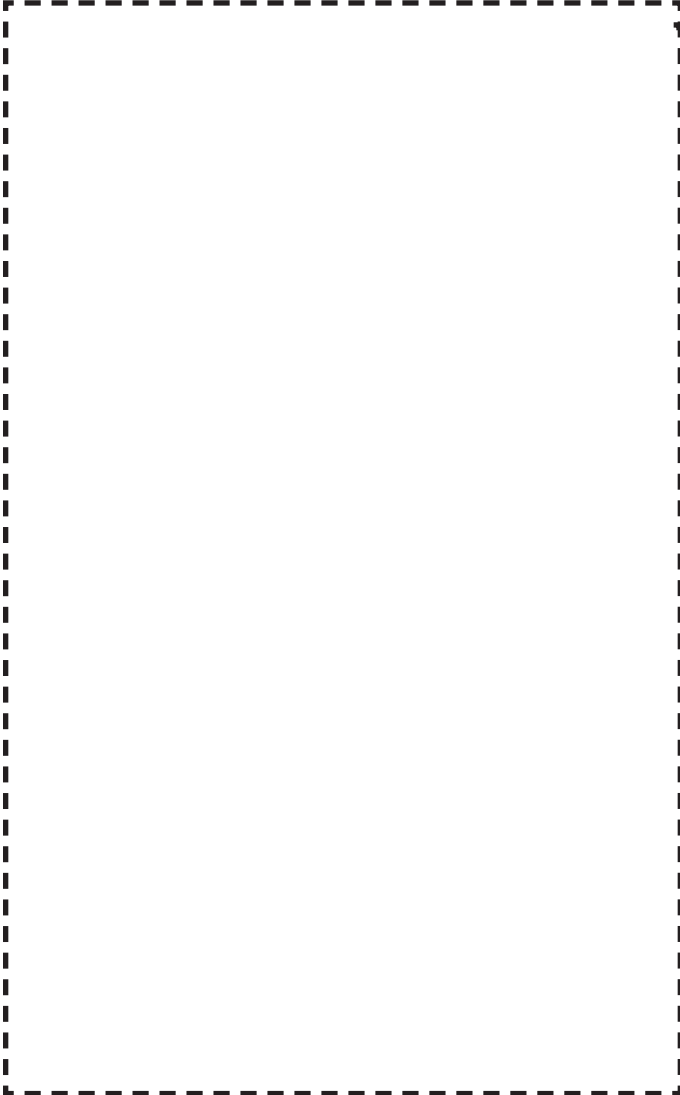
**sunlight,
water, and
books**

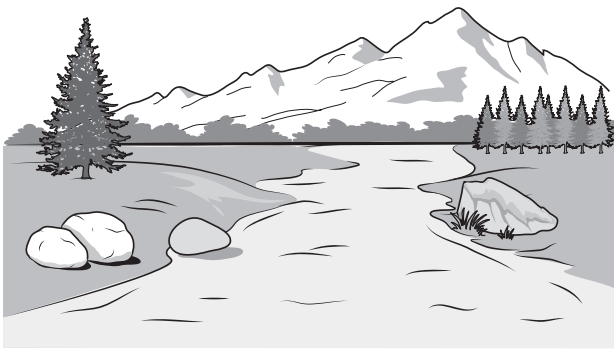
This panel contains three line drawings: a sun with rays, a puddle of water, and a stack of two books.

**Organisms have changed over time.
You can see how organisms once
looked by studying fossils. Some fossils
look like organisms that live today.**

Fossil	Modern-Day Organism
	
	
	

Pollution is the introduction of harmful materials into the environment. Humans cause air pollution and water pollution.

Air Pollution	Water Pollution
	



**a river flowing
through the
mountains**



**a person throwing
trash in a river**