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# Issue 37 – The Sea

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### This week's focus is the sea

DIALOGUE WORKS

With every drop of water you drink, every breath you take, you're connected to the sea.

No matter where on Earth you live.

The health of our seas determines the future of humanity.

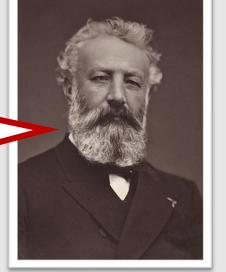


Tim Winton writer and environmental advocate



Dr Sylvia Earle marine biologist and author

The sea is everything. It covers seven tenths of the terrestrial globe. Its breath is pure and healthy. It is an immense desert, where man is never lonely, for he feels life stirring on all sides.



Jules Verne

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# Thinking about the sea



# **Caring thinking**

How do we harm the sea and the creatures in it?

How can we help to preserve our seas and undo some of the damage humans have done?

# **Collaborative thinking**

How can people work together across the world to save endangered sea creatures?



# **Creative thinking**

How many different images, sounds, pieces of music and words can you find that make you think of the sea?

# **Critical thinking**

In what practical ways can we protect the seas and life beneath the wayes?



DIALOGUE WORKS

Have you ever seen the sea?
Have you been in the sea?
How did it make you feel – physically
and emotionally?

What will happen if we keep polluting the sea?



Think **AHEAD** 



Think **BACK** 



**CONNECT** 



**DIVIDE** 



LISTEN/LOOK



**ZOOM (in/out)** 

How does the sea connect all humans on the planet?

How are all seas the same? What are the common elements?

What do waves look like?
What do they sound like?
Does the sea always look and sound the same?

What marine life could you learn more about?

are found under the sea?

What different

types of creatures

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# Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)



# Stimulus



https://youtu.be/uRnFzZj4dVk

Blue Voice - Plastic Pollution in the Ocean animated short film by Golbahar Khazraei

In this video we see a little fish trying to work out what is being dropped into the ocean.

# **Talking Points**

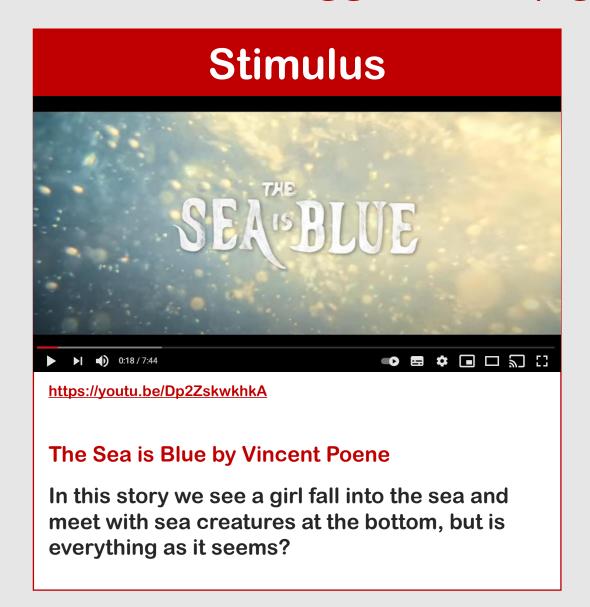
- Why was the fish excited at the beginning of the film? What did it think was in the water?
- O What made the fish sad?
- What shape did the fish make out of the bottles?
- What do you think this means?

## **Activities**

- Go on a hunt for rubbish in your setting or local area.
- How many different uses can you think of for an empty plastic bottle?
- Make a fish out of junk model materials.
- Make a water collector out of recycled materials.
- Make musical instruments out of recycled materials.

# Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)





# Talking Points

- Do you think the girl really did all of those things? What else might have really been happening in this short film?
- What feelings do we associate with blue? (Explore all different shades of blue.)
- Would the sea make us feel the same if it were a different colour? What if it were red or yellow?

#### **Activities**

- Why is the sea blue? Do some research to find out.
- Learn about why different colours make us feel differently.
- Create an abstract painting that represents the sea.

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# Discussion suggestions (age 10+)



# **Stimulus**



https://youtu.be/b1PfSsp166o

#### The Life of Pi

In this clip we see the tiger (Richard Parker) and the boy (Pi) looking into the sea at night. They imagine all of the things that are down there. Pi remembers the shipwreck that cast him and his zoo animals into the sea.

# **Talking Points**

- Who do you think would be most scared when lost at sea – an animal or a human? Why?
- o How does this clip make you feel?
- Would you like to be a deep-sea diver? Why/ why not?

#### **Activities**

- In the following clip from *The Life of Pi*, we see phosphorescent fish. Research phosphorescence. Why and where does it occur in the sea?
  - https://youtu.be/2RaE7BgiNII
- Write a journal entry as if you have been lost at sea for two weeks.



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