Porci's Ocean Patrol Activity Sheet



Cloze Activity Solutions (level 2)

Giant Australian Cuttlefish

The Giant Australian Cuttlefish belong to the class of animals called the **CEPHALOPODS**. This means they are more closely related to **OCTOPUS** and squid rather than fish. A cuttlefish will have 8 arms and 2 feeding **TENTACLES**, and they are able to **DISGUISE** themselves from predators by changing the colour and texture of their skin. Cuttlefish have 3 hearts and **BLUE** blood, and you will find their shell on the **INSIDE** of their body. These creatures are found in the shallow waters of the Great Southern Reef and between the months of May and **AUGUST**, thousands will gather near Whyalla, at Point Lowly and Stony Point, for the largest mating event seen in the world.

Sea Country

Fire is an important part of Aboriginal culture and is used in many ways. The firestick is also known as **KARDLA KURU** and is made from 2 dry sticks from the **YAKKA** bush, one laid on the ground with a hole notched in it. The long piece held in the hand sits in the notch and spins between your palm at a very fast pace to create **FRICTION**. The friction heats up which causes an **EMBER**_to glow, which then is used as a small fire starter. Fire can be used to **STAY WARM**, to cook food, tell **STORIES**, as well as in ceremonies and in making medicines. Fire can be made from **FLINT** and pyrites that were found in the area.

Plastic Pollution

It is estimated that around 12 **MILLION** tonnes of plastic will enter our oceans every single year!

Around **80**% of that rubbish entering the ocean comes from items on **LAND** that we use every day, getting washed down the drains and rivers. The other 20% of rubbish comes from **FISHING** and shipping items. Rubbish can be transported from the land to the beach many ways such as the **WIND**, or animals carrying it. Plastic that enters the oceans whether its big or small can cause **HARM** to many marine animals including sea birds, turtles, **WHALES**, and dolphins. Everyone can help stop this plastic problem by saying **NO** to single use plastics, using ecofriendly and **REUSABLE** alternatives, and picking up litter if it is seen laying around.