



Series 1: Episode 2 – Facts for Students

Giant Australian Cuttlefish

- The scientific name for the Giant Australian Cuttlefish is Sepia Apama.
- They are found in the shallow reefs along our Southern Coast of Australia.
- Cuttlefish have 8 arms and 2 feeding tentacles.
- Cuttlefish are not a type of fish, instead they are a part of the class called Cephalopods, which includes squid and octopus.
- The cuttlefish's shell is on the inside of their body, and it has been like this for millions of years.
- Cuttlefish are masters of disguise, meaning they can change the colour and texture of their skin!
- Cuttlefish have 3 hearts and blue blood.
- Between May and August, thousands of cuttlefish gather near Whyalla, around Point Lowly and Stony Point for the biggest mating event in the world!

Sea Country

- The firestick (also known as Kardla Kuru) is made from 2 sticks from the Yakka bush, one laid on the ground with a hole notched in it. The long piece sits in the notch and spins in between your palm super-fast to create friction. The friction heats up causing an ember to glow which is a small fire starter.
- Flint and pyrites can also be used to create fire. Flint was found more commonly around South Australia.
- Fire is used to cook, tell stories, keep warm, in ceremonies and in medicines.



Plastic Pollution

- It is estimated that 12 million tonnes of plastic enter the ocean every year!
- Around 80% of that rubbish comes from everyday use of items on land and gets washed down the drains and rivers.
- The other 20% is made up from items that come from fishing and shipping.
- Rubbish can be transported from land to the beach by the wind, or even by animals carrying it, then getting washed into the ocean by waves.
- The small pieces of plastic can be just as harmful to our marine life as the large pieces.
- Many marine animals get affected by plastic pollution including, sea birds, turtles, whales, dolphins and many more.
- Everyone can help by saying NO to single use plastics, using eco-friendly and reusable alternatives, and picking up litter if it is seen laying around.