

Save The ocean Game, developed by C. Cudaback, Ocean And You, OceanAndYou.com

If you ask a bunch of kids what they can do to help the ocean, most of them will say "don't litter at the beach!" I created this game to help them see the breadth of ways we affect the ocean. There are many ways to set up the race - it works nicely indoors on a tile floor with the kids standing side by side. You may wish to create some sort of game board.

Simply print the cards on stiff paper and cut them apart. I let each kid draw a card, then I read it out to the whole group (kids read rather quietly). I solicit the group's opinion on whether the kid should step forward or back.

After playing the game, I like to have the kids make posters about helping the ocean. Even after playing once, they tend to want to make posters about pollution, so sometimes I pass out game cards to illustrate.

Pick up litter on the beach (not just your own) Forward two steps	Leave tangled fishing line in the surf Back two steps	Drive to school when you could walk Back one step
Visit an aquarium Forward one step	Read a book about animals in the ocean Forward one step	Let the water run while brushing your teeth Back one step
Walk to school Forward two steps	Give your mom a seafood watch card Forward one step	Plant a tree, or work in the garden Forward two steps
Dig up a sea turtle nest Back THREE steps	Buy bottled water Back two steps	Use low energy lightbulbs Forward two steps

<p>Buy less stuff - you don't need as much as you think</p> <p>Forward three steps</p>	<p>Write to your congress-person about the ocean</p> <p>Forward two steps</p>	<p>Run only full loads of laundry And use cold water</p> <p>Forward two steps</p>
<p>Use recycled paper and recycle when you're done</p> <p>Forward two steps</p>	<p>Turn off water when brushing your teeth</p> <p>Forward one step</p>	<p>Help clean up a local stream! (all water runs to the ocean)</p> <p>Forward three steps</p>
<p>Play on sand dunes at the beach</p> <p>Back two steps</p>	<p>Take a really long shower</p> <p>Back two steps</p>	<p>Explore a coastal wetland, and be gentle with the plants</p> <p>Forward two steps</p>
<p>Scoop your pet's poop (keep it out of storm drains)</p> <p>Forward one step</p>	<p>Take the train instead of driving or flying</p> <p>Forward two steps</p>	<p>Go sailing</p> <p>Forward one step</p>