

REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE / LESSON OVERVIEW

Objectives

The students will:

- learn the meaning behind each word – reduce, reuse, recycle;
- observe different ways to reduce waste, reuse items they already have, and recycle plastic, glass, and paper;
- discover where they can go to recycle and obtain bins to begin recycling at home;
- and know at least three ways that reducing, reusing, and recycling helps our oceans and our environment.

Lesson Summary

Part 1. Introduction (10 minutes)

Students define pollution and learn how pollution negatively affects the natural environment.

Part 2. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (30 minutes)

Students learn what it means to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Students also learn how each of these acts positively affects the environment and how they can help.

Activity 1. Kick Plastic (20 – 30 minutes)

Costa Sunglasses, one of OCEARCH's partners, is dedicated to the conservation of the ocean, to educating people about how they can help, and to inspiring others to be responsible stewards of the world ocean. Students will watch Costa's "Kick Plastic" video on their website. After viewing the video, students will write about the different ways that they will promise to do this at home.