



Notes for Teachers

To complement Clean Up the Darling River / An Interactive Recycling Game for Primary School Students in QLD

The game



The game is a fun, interactive and curriculum-based educational resource in two stages. There are four versions of the game to cater for students in Prep and Year 1, Years 2-3, Years 4-5 and Years 6-7. Each version of the game is contained on its own URL.

Section 1 involves the student choosing a character and a vessel and navigating the Darling River, picking up rubbish and avoiding wildlife. As the student travels up the river, they will pass checkpoints. At each checkpoint, an information screen will pop up containing educational content. The student reads the information then continues. At the end of the river course, a quiz is generated based upon the information that the student has read.

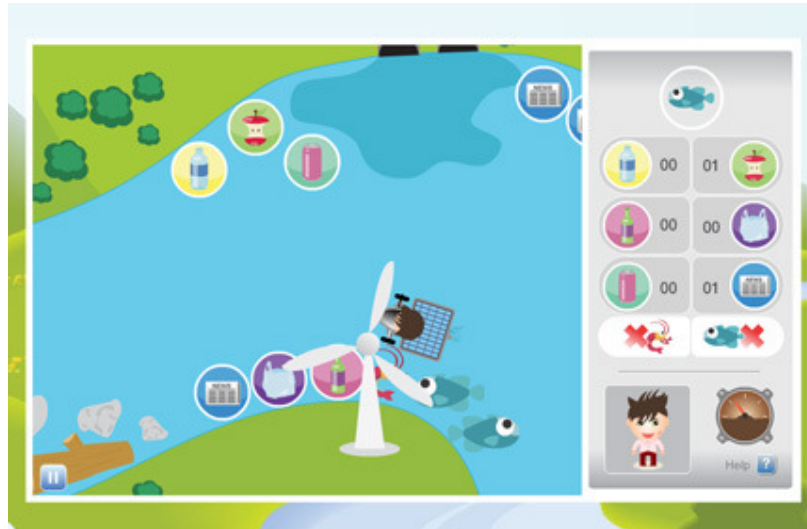
The questions are a mixture of multiple choice and true/false answers. The student must get each answer right before proceeding. At the end of the quiz, the student can see their score for section 1 of the game.

Section 2 zooms into the recycling plant adjacent to the river. The student sorts the rubbish that they collected into the appropriate bin for recycling. Information periodically pops up. At the end of this section, there is another quiz, after which the student can see their scores for both sections of the game, as well as their overall score.

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Suggested vocabulary to introduce before using the program

Prep and Year 1

recycle; true; false

Years 2 and 3

Aboriginal Dreaming; landfill; recycle; reuse; environment; canoes

Years 4 and 5

citrus; cereal; hollows; refusing; reusing; recycling; stormwater drains; landfill

Years 6 and 7

tributary; stormwater drains; deteriorates; water management

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Early Learning Statements for Prep and Year 1

Early Learning Area
Social and personal learning Health and physical learning Language learning and communication Early mathematical understandings Active learning processes

Essential Learnings by the end of Years 3, 5 and 7

Key Learning Area	Knowledge and understanding
SOSE	Time, continuity and change Place and space Culture and identity Political and economic systems
Science	Science as a human endeavour Earth and beyond Energy and change Life and living Natural and processed materials
Technology	Technology as a human endeavour Information, materials and systems (resources)
ICTs Cross-curriculum priority	Inquiring with ICTs Creating with ICTs Communicating with ICTs Ethics, issues and ICTs Operating ICTs

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Literacy and Numeracy Indicators

Literacy	Numeracy
Speaking and listening Reading and viewing Writing and designing	Number Algebra Measurement Space Chance and data

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**Draft national curriculum
English Content Descriptions**

Year Level	Language	Literacy
Kindergarten	3 Differing subject matter 4 Nature of texts 5 Concepts about print and screen 8 Phonic and word knowledge	1 Listening and responding 2 Purposes of texts 3 Sequencing 4 Reading Strategies 5 Comprehension strategies 6 Oral communication skills 9 Handwriting / word processing
Year 1	2 Speech functions 4 Basic sentence elements 7 Concepts about print and screen 11 Sight word knowledge	2 Reading strategies 3 Comprehension strategies
Year 2	5 Sentence grammar 8 Phonic and word knowledge 10 Vocabulary expansion 12 Concepts about print and screen 13 Punctuation	2 Reading strategies 3 Comprehension strategies
Year 3	4 Vocabulary expansion 5 Sentence grammar 12 Punctuation	4 Reading strategies 6 Comprehension strategies 12 Multimodal texts
Year 4	6 Vocabulary expansion 7 Grammar of simple sentences 8 Clause meaning 9 Tense 10 Conjunctions	4 Reading strategies 5 Vocabulary 7 Comprehension strategies 12 Multimodal texts
Year 5	6 Compound sentences 7 Noun phrase and structure 9 Relating verbs 10 Adjectives 14 Visual grammar	
Year 6	5 Vocabulary expansion 7 Grammatical patterns 10 Adverbials 11 Cohesive devices 13 Sentence openers 14 Visual grammar	

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Science Content Descriptions**

Year Level	Science Inquiry Skills	Science as a human endeavour	Science Understanding
Kindergarten	1 Questioning 2 Observing 3 Using equipment 4 Communicating	1 Nature of science	1 Living Things 2 The daily environment 3 Everyday materials 4 Movement
Year 1	1 Questioning and predicting 2 Investigation methods 3 Using equipment 4 Observing and measuring 5 Communicating 6 Using observations as evidence 7 Reflecting on methods	1 Nature of science 2 Everyday science 3 Science and Culture	1 Living things 2 Local Environment 3 Changing materials 4 Sounds
Year 2	1 Questioning and predicting 2 Investigation methods 3 Using equipment 4 Observing and measuring 5 Communicating 6 Using observations as evidence 7 Reflecting on methods	1 Nature of science 2 Everyday science Science and culture	1 Living and non-living 2 Growth and change 3 Earth's resources 4 Properties of materials 5 Pushes and pulls
Year 3	1 Questioning and predicting 5 Observing and measuring 6 Analysing results 8 Developing explanations 9 Reflecting on methods	1 Influence of science 2 Nature of science 3 Science in the community 4 Science and culture	1 Structure and function of living things 2 Life cycles 4 Liquids and solids
Year 4	1 Questioning and predicting 5 Observing and measuring 6 Analysing results 8 Developing explanations 9 Reflecting on methods	1 Influence of Science 2 Nature of Science 3 Science in the community 4 Science and culture	1 Grouping living things 2 Interactions of living things 4 Properties and uses of materials 5 Forces and motion
Year 5	6 Analysing results 7 Developing explanations	1 Nature of Science 2 Influence of	1 Micro-organisms 3 Form and properties of

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	8 Communicating	Science 3 Collaboration in Science 4 Contribution of scientists 5 Science and culture	materials
Year 6	6 Analysing results 7 Developing explanations 8 Communicating	1 Nature of Science 2 Influence of Science 3 Collaboration in science 4 Contribution of scientists 5 Science and culture	1 Relationship of living things 2 Using earth's resources 4 Changing and using materials 5 Sustainable energy transformations

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