

Play Card

Sea Creature Rescue

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Quick summary

Use tongs to avoid the criss-crossing tape and extract the sea creatures from the sensory tub.



Key skills

Communication, Fine Motor Skills (Hand-Eye coordination), Problem-Solving, STEM, Imaginative Play



What you need



A tub or tray such as a washing-up bowl or a roasting tray, different toy sea creatures, sticky tape of different colours and widths, tongs, water, and blue food colouring.

Instructions



1. Place the plastic sea creatures in the bottom of the tub.

2. Criss-cross the tape like a spider's web across the top of the tub, leaving gaps for children to reach through for the creatures. Adjust the amount of tape and the size of the gaps depending on your child's age, ability and dexterity.



3. Add water and some blue food colouring to create the look and feel of the ocean.

4. Give your child tongs or large tweezers to try to reach through the gaps in the tape and 'rescue' the different sea creatures.

5. Talk to your child and ask them how they feel as they rescue the creatures. Why is it good to look after the creatures in the ocean and to care about them?



Make it more challenging

Instead of water, add things to the bottom of the tub, for example pasta or shredded paper, to make it more challenging for your child to extract the different creatures with the tongs.

During your visit to SEA LIFE

Discuss with your child why it is important that we care for and look after the different creatures that they see in the aquarium. Help them to build empathy by thinking about what helps the creatures to feel happy in their environment. For example, food, shelter, clean water and companionship.



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