Objective: To provide a fun and entertaining introduction to marine debris, what it is and where it comes from.

Materials:
- Tall Trash Tale
- Pen or pencil

Instructions:
1. Fill in the blanks with words that match the description listed. For example:
   - Noun: President George Washington or Verb: swim
2. Complete the story on the second page with the words chosen for each description. The object is to create a silly story.

1. Pet (Plural): ____________________________
2. Song Title: ____________________________
3. Food Item: ____________________________
4. Adjective: ____________________________
5. Sport: ____________________________
6. Animal (plural): ____________________________
7. Color: ____________________________
8. Exclamation: ____________________________
9. Adjective: ____________________________
10. Length of time: ____________________________
11. Plant (Plural): ____________________________
12. Animal (Plural): ____________________________
13. Something Hot: ____________________________
14. Marine Animal: ____________________________
15. Exclamation: ____________________________
16. Marine Animal: ____________________________
17. Different Marine Animal: ____________________________
18. Action Verb: ____________________________
19. Adjective: ____________________________
20. Item Made of Plastic: ____________________________
21. Good thing for the environment: ____________________________
22. Another good thing for the environment: ____________________________
It was a hot summer day. The park was crowded with children, parents and ________. Anna couldn’t wait for her favorite afternoon treat. She perked up as the jingling sound of ________ reached her ears. She ran up to the familiar colorful truck and ordered her favorite, a(n) ________ with chocolate and sprinkles. It tasted ________ just as she expected! Then, she saw the other kids playing ________ and she wanted to join. She saw an overflowing trash can nearby and quickly tossed her plastic wrapper on top and ran off to play.

That night, it so windy and rained cats and ________. The plastic wrapper flew from his perch on top of the trash can and was swept away. He traveled down a shallow ________ river until he was suddenly sucked down a narrow hole. SWOOSH!! “________!” he said, “It’s so dark down here. I can’t see a thing. And it smells ________!” After many ________, the plastic wrapper reached the end of the tunnel and tumbled down into a river. He floated on top of the water and meandered his way past ________ and ________. Suddenly the water became cold and salty, and the wrapper realized he had reached the ocean!

The sun was hot like ________. The plastic wrapper sank beneath the surface and came face to face with a giant ________! “________!” He floated with the ocean current, minding his own business, when suddenly he felt a tickle! A(n) ________ was trying to eat him! It must think he is a(n) ________! The little wrapper tried to ________ away but with no luck. Everything went dark.

Oh, if only Anna had taken the little wrapper home. The little plastic wrapper could have been warm and ________ back on land. He could have been re-used and made into a(n) ________. Don’t let your trash get eaten. Always ________ or ________!