As Seagull flies, she looks and spies A couple with a drink. Oh no! They drop their cans and straws. She has to make them think!

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The straws could get into the sea, That really isn't fair. She'll have to go and speak to them And try to make them care.

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The couple picked their rubbish up. "We're sorry," they both said. They put it in the nearest bin Next to the Lifeguard's shed.

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What could you use instead of a plastic straw?"

Crab was sitting on a rock By a group of friends. They'd dug a hole and filled it up With rubbish, odds and ends.

Crab could not believe it! This made her feel so cross. Why don't they take their litter home? She was really at a loss.

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> The friends all heard what Crab had said. They knew that she was right. Burying their rubbish Was definitely NOT all right!

Starfish lay inside her pool, Seaweed floated past. But when she looked more closely, Plastic bags, she was aghast!  People were so careless, They let them blow away.
Starfish pulled herself right up. She had some things to say!

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The family grabbed the soggy bags. "We'll re-use them all," said Dad. She hoped they'd learnt the lesson That littering was bad!

What could you use

instead of plastic bags?

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Seagull, Crab and Starfish Looked out across their beach. Although it looked much better, There were still so many to teach.

> We'll have to try much harder, We need to spread the word. The planet needs our love and care, We really should be heard.

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And if you want to help us Keep the planet nice and clean, Spread this message far and wide So that everyone is green.

## TEN GREAT WAYS TO HELP KEEP YOUR BEACH A GREENER, CLEANER PLACE!

- 1 Use a refillable water/drink bottle so you don't need to take plastic ones to the beach.
- 2 If you really need a straw for your drink try paper or a re-usable metal one.
- 3 Instead of cling film for your sandwiches use a cloth sandwich wrap or a small lunch box. Both can be re-used many times.
- 4 Always check if there are bins or recycling points at the beach. If there are, please use them.
- 5 If there are no bins or recycling points take any rubbish home with you.
- 6 Can you use a re-usable bag instead of carrier bags? There are lots of really lovely ones to be found.
- 7 Take a spare bag with you and do a litter pick for just five minutes. If we all did this every time we went to the beach it would make a real difference.
- 8 Avoid taking glass to the beach as it could break and be dangerous to people and creatures.
- 9 When you are at home please don't flush anything other than toilet paper down the toilet - it could end up in the sea. The fish and sea creatures HATE eating your plastic!
- 10 You can do all of these things at the park, on picnics, the countryside or anywhere you go for a day out.

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