

TOGETHER FOR OUR MOANA - WE'RE SHAPING OUR FUTURE

INTRODUCTION LESSON

ALLOW 15 MINUTES

Haere mai / welcome!!

Watch this introduction video from Riley and Steve who started Young Ocean Explorers.

Video for teachers



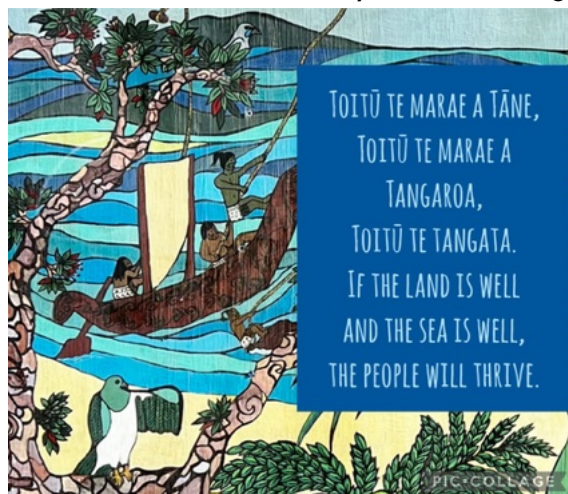
Video for students



We are so stoked that you're joining us to learn more about Aotearoa / New Zealand's wonderful moana / ocean! Our theme this year is "Together for our moana - we're shaping our future."

Together we're going to make sure our moana is healthy and thriving, because it affects us too!

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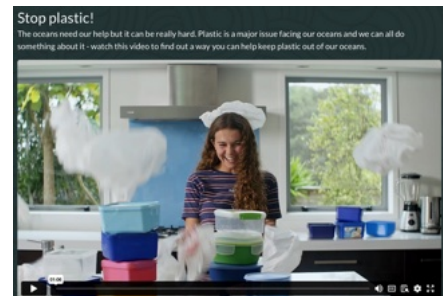
Did you know?

Did you know that Aotearoa has the 5th largest ocean area of any country in the world! Wow, we have such a small country, but a HUGE ocean! [Read more about it here.](#)

We're going to be learning facts about our moana and about keeping it healthy. We'll learn about wonderful things in our ocean, but also some of the problems facing it. We'll also think about actions that we can do, to make a difference.

Watch before the intro activity

Watch this video from Young Ocean Explorers '[Stop Plastic!](#)'
[Click here to see the video dubbed into te reo.](#)
Video is 1:06 minutes



Our first action!

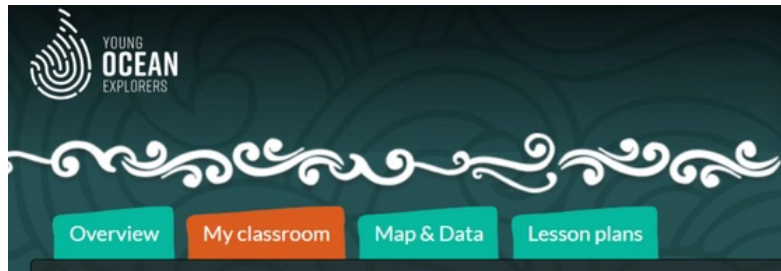
Now for your first action. Go outside and look around - try to find at least one piece of plastic rubbish each. Collect it and take it back to class. Look at your rubbish and count it.

(You may decide to pick up plastic before or after school so you're helping keep your community clean!)



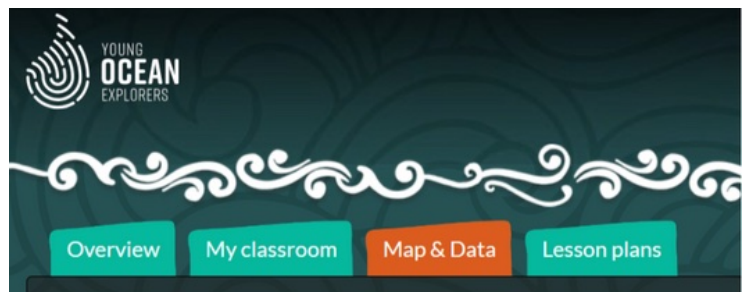
The IMPORTANT bit!

Now for the important part! Ask your teacher to go to the **'My classroom' tab** on the 21 Day Challenge website. There they can enter your class data, and even photos of you taking action and the work you do if they want - we love to see what you are up to!



THEN take a look at the graph on the **overview tab** to see how much plastic has been picked up by classes from around Aotearoa. We can achieve a lot if we all work together! He rau ringa, e oti ai - Many hands make light work.

You might also like to look at the **map and data tab** on the 21 Day Challenge website. You will see a map that shows all of the schools around Aotearoa who are participating. You will also be able to see information about how much rubbish other classes and schools have picked up.



Or another option is for your teacher to choose a '21 Day data champion' to be in charge of uploading the data daily! This is a super important job for a leader.

Help our collective voice be heard!

This is a challenge for you all over the course of the 21 Day Challenge. We think kids voices are important and powerful ... especially if there's a whole lot of us saying the same thing. We want to use your collective voice and be heard!

We're heading down to the steps of Parliament in Wellington later this year, to share two things with our politicians.

1. We want to have a HUGE video screen in front of parliament, showing a powerful campaign video featuring thousands of Kiwi kids. This is so our leaders start thinking about the importance of ensuring they're giving a thriving ocean to them and future generations.
2. We also want to take as many letters from your students as possible with us. We want to take a MASSIVE pile of them with us and give them personally to the Prime Minister.

All of this is so we can show the importance of having a thriving ocean for future generations.

To support this, we'll be asking you all to send us letters that we can deliver to the Prime Minister at Parliament. This doesn't need to be long. Just on one page.

The letter needs to say why the ocean is important to you and why we need to be doing more to protect our moana.

PRIZE up for grabs!

If everyone in your classroom writes a letter and sends it to us, your class will then go into the draw for Riley to visit and give an awesome presentation to your whole school! This offer is only valid for schools in Aotearoa.

What to include in your letter to Parliament

- Address the letter to the Prime Minister
- Hand written letter
- Add why the ocean is so important to you
- You could add an ocean drawing
- Sign it off with your name and age

Send the letters to: **PO Box 228, Warkworth 0941**

Send in letters by: **8th September**

Example of letter and drawings:

Dear Prime Minister,

The ocean is important to me because I love swimming with all the beautiful animals. Our moana needs more protection so that we can all enjoy it's beauty for years to come!

From,
Mollie
aged 6



Dear prime Minister.

I love the ocean because it is interesting

I want to go scuba diving one day.

From mollie



Dear Rose Master,

I hope the mean teacher didn't go on to tell you that you can't appreciate the art of commitment and so on which is what the sign really thing is that I would not do it. My language can be used in a better way as you said and we can still be happy and have a lot of fun. The solution is to be happy and not to be sad and I did want to make sure the pupils in your class understood that not for teachers as I think that we need teachers to be the best because if we had a course on the best and we brought home and used at home the way we would have and the reason as you said is that we have to be a chance for teachers to tell you and help in the world of their lives in the house. Thanks so much from Clara.

