

# YOU are the solution to pollution!





Once upon a time, people dumped trash and oil into the creek. The creek became very ugly, and the water was like poison. Many fish died.

Fish & Game Officer Howard Martin told everyone the pollution was killing the wildlife. He said, "A dirty creek is bad for fish *and* people."

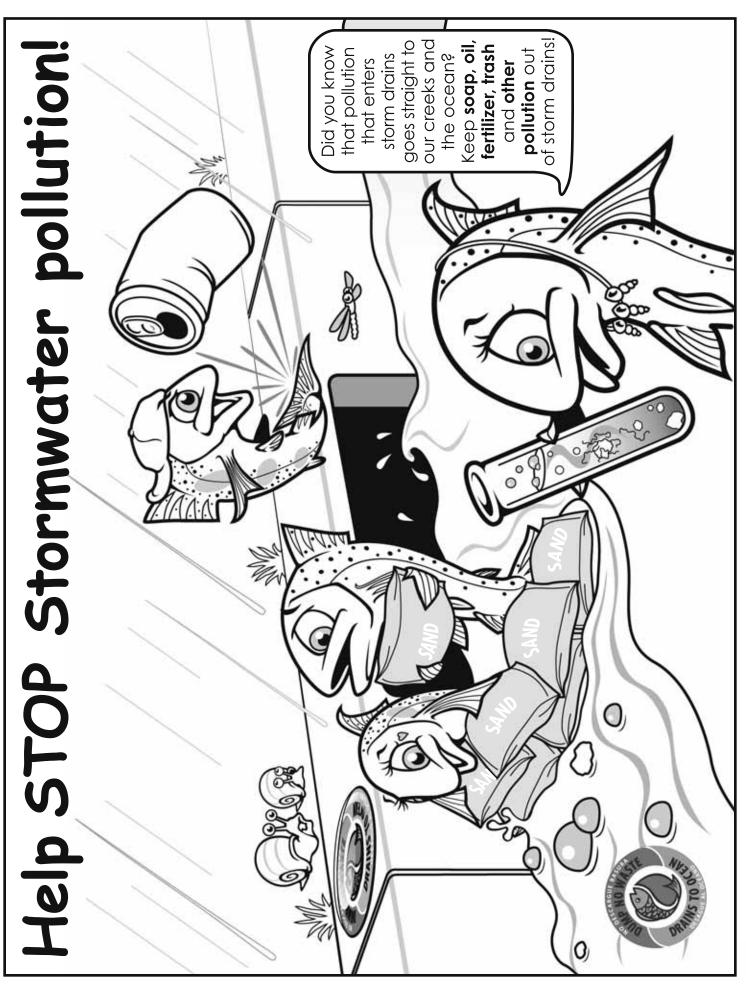
Some people did not want to change. They cried, "But we have always done it this way."

Officer Martin put on tall rubber boots and walked through the mess thinking, "What is the solution to all this pollution?"

Well, kids know the creek is a fun place to play, especially when you see fish and bugs and birds! They told Officer Martin, "We will help you clean up our creek."

The kids asked everyone to keep trash, oil, dirt, and chemicals out of the water. They got bags and picked up all the junk they could find. They learned that pollution from yards and streets goes down the drains when it rains.

These days the creek is much healthier. Fish and other wildlife have come back. Kids can play in the creek again. The solution to pollution is **you!** 



See the back page for some things YOU can do to prevent stormwater pollution!

# Creek Creature Word Search

### Word Bank

CASCADE **FINS** EGGS DRAGONFLY FROG SOLUTION WATER POLLUTION SNAIL PROTECT OCEAN RACCOON WILLOW TAILS **TADPOLE** CREEK CLEAN COCOON FRY TROUT

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### Cross-Word Puzzle

Match the name of 1 ACROSS the picture 2 ACROSS with their numbered boxes! 3 ACROSS 1 DOWN S 5 ACROSS S 4 DOWN 4 ACROSS 2

# Oil and Water Experiment

Just not a good mix!

See what happens when *oil* gets into *water*.

- 1. Find a clear jar or bottle and fill half way with water. Color the water with food coloring to see it better.
- **2.** Add 2 Tablespoons of cooking oil into the jar and close the lid.
- **3.** Shake the jar and see what happens...



The oil stays on the top of the water and POLLUTES it!

What do you think happens to sea animals when oil pollutes the ocean?



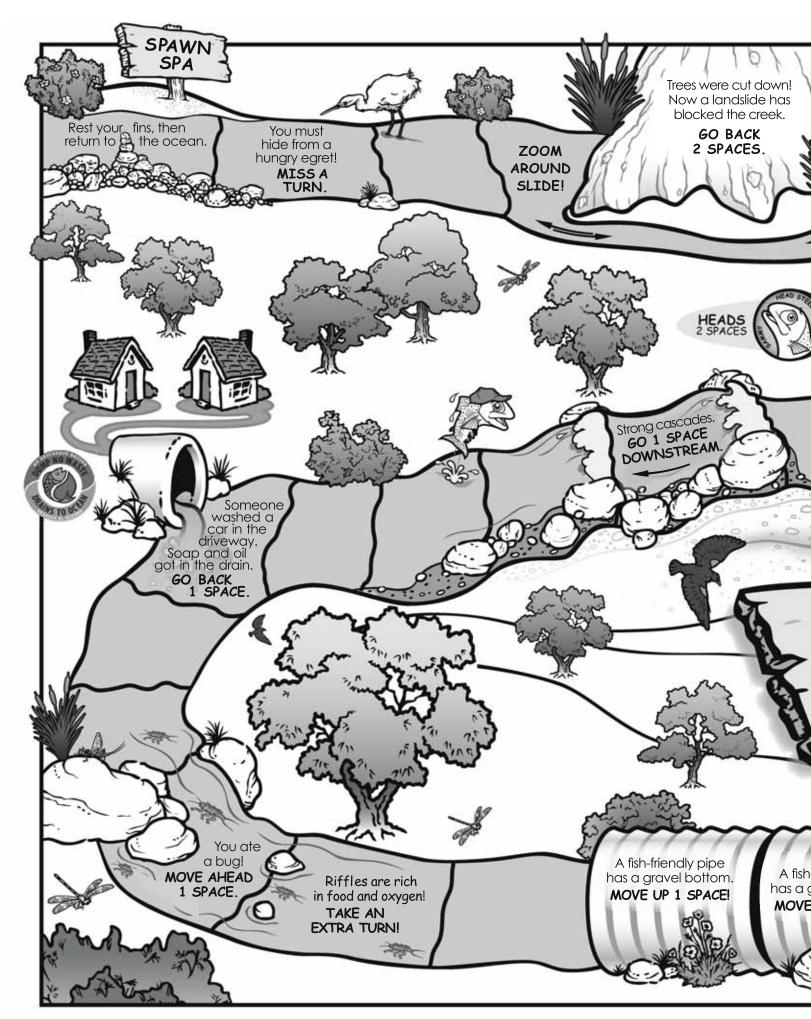
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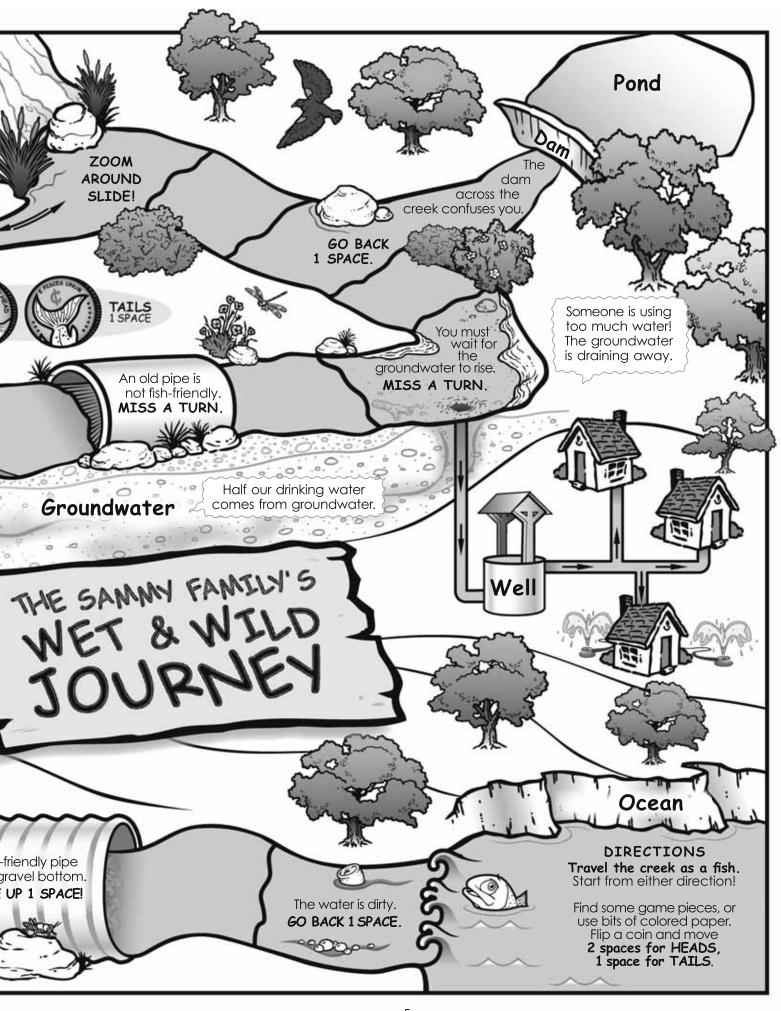
mixed-up word bank. Check the next page for hints.

DACESCA	C DEFINITION: Fast moving water that falls over rocks in the creek.
FILREF	R F  DEFINITION: Rippling water caused by pebbles and rocks. Lots of bugs live here!
NOURGOTERWA	<u>GR</u> -
	W  DEFINITION: Slow flowing underground water that supplies well water for drinking.

Did you KNOW?

One small quart of motor oil going down a storm drain would pollute **250,000 gallons** of water. That's more water than you and five friends will need in your whole lives!





# Picnic Pick-Up Look at everything that has been left behind after a picnic! Help Clean up and find the 12 forgotten items.



Sometimes I wash my food in the creek. I love it when the water is clean.

What animal am I? <u>R</u> \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

# Water Wisecracks!

Q: Do you know why some fish are so smart?

A: Because they live in schools!

Q: What do rivers do when they want to be cool?

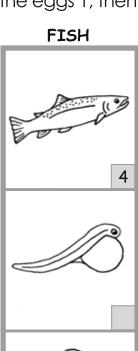
A: They go with the flow!

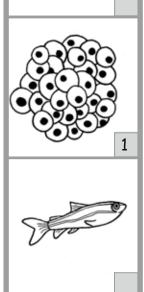
Q: What do you get when you cross a fish with an elephant?

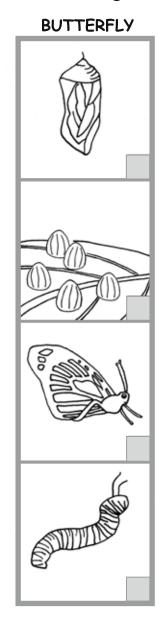
A: Swimming trunks!

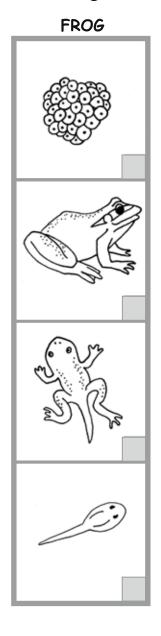
# Life Cycle Scramble

The life cycles of these animals are mixed up. Number the eggs 1, then put the other stages in order, 1 through 4.



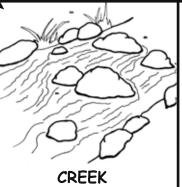


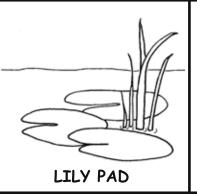




Now draw a line to the place you're likely to find these animals.

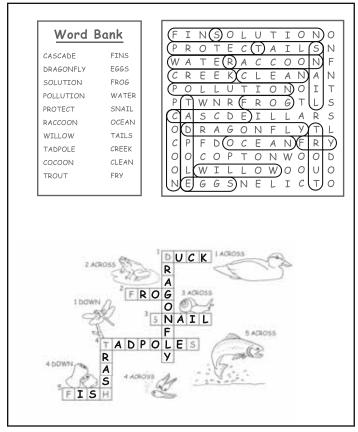


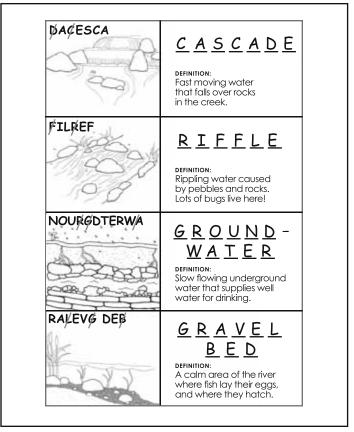




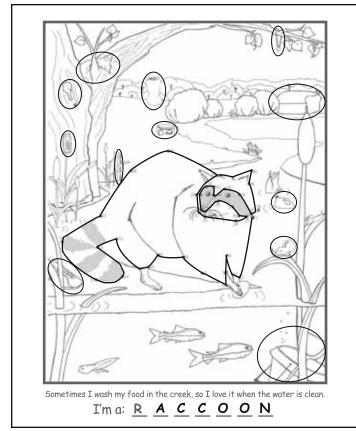


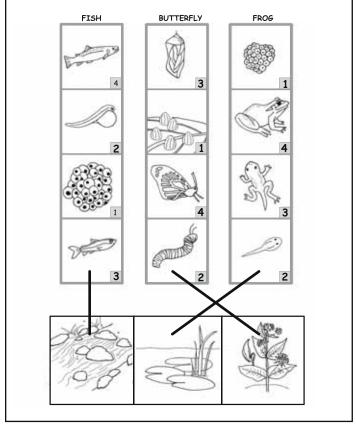
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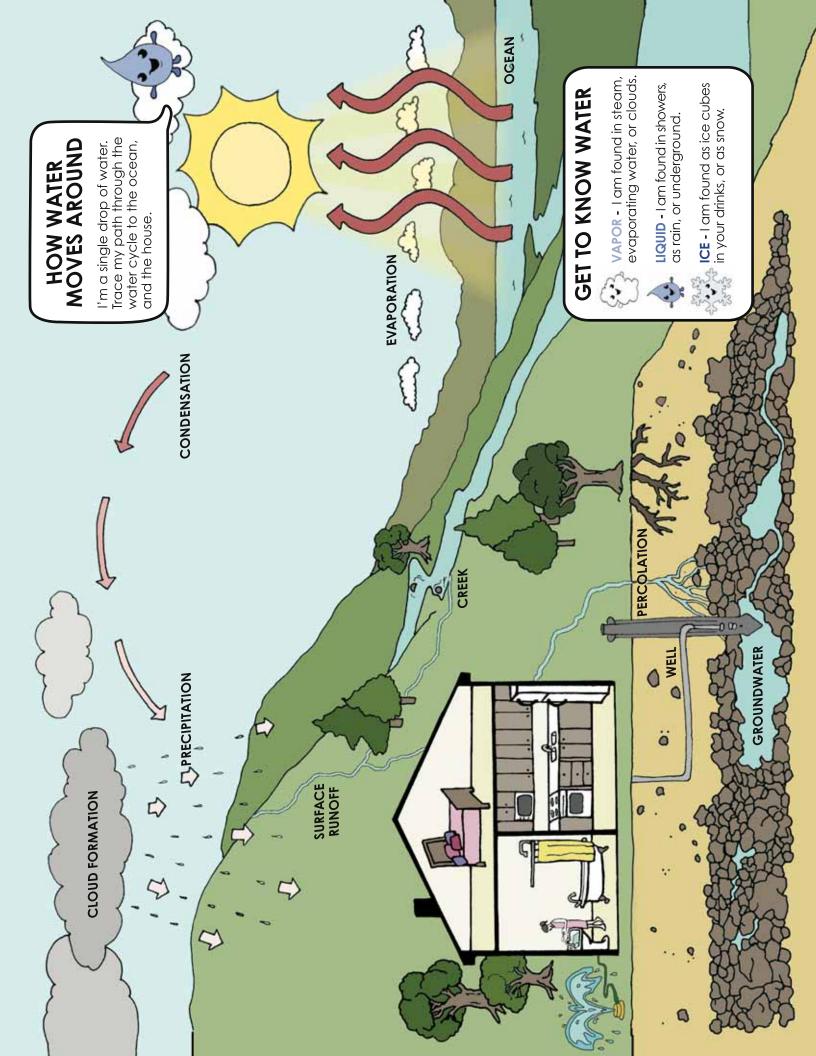


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# SAMMY'S TOP, 10

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(805) 781-5544

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