



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY PACK



An Ipswich Libraries First 5 Forever initiative supported by Australian Geographic and Ipswich Nature Centre.



Tales AND TRAILS



ABOUT TALES AND TRAILS

Follow the Trail, Read a Tale, Have an Adventure!

Enjoy reading outdoors with your family.
Look for the numbered signs as you follow the path around your local park.

Run your fingers along the panels to discover the touch reading technique of Braille.

This trail features *One Remarkable Reef* written by Kellie Byrnes and illustrated by Rachel Tribout. Discover and learn about the wonderful creatures of the Great Barrier Reef and how to count along the way.

Tales and Trails is proudly supported by Australian Geographic.

Visit the Queens Park Environmental Education Centre or any branch of Ipswich Libraries to collect your Nature Play Passport and Take Home Activity Pack.



LISTEN



WATCH



READ

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ABOUT FIRST 5 FOREVER

In the first five years, little moments make a big difference. Children learn best from those closest to them – and by talking, reading, singing and playing together every day, families support their child's brain development and help them build a lifelong love of learning and discovery.



ABOUT STORIES FOR LITTLE QUEENSLANDERS

State Library of Queensland has published 12 children's picture books for Queensland's littlest readers as part of First 5 Forever. Produced exclusively for State Library of Queensland and First 5 Forever, this series reflects the diversity of Queensland, celebrates the uniqueness of our state, and aims to inspire a love of reading and discovery in a new generation of little Queenslanders. The books also showcase writers and artists with a Queensland connection who are based throughout the state.



THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FACT FILE

The Great Barrier Reef is located to the north-east of the Australian coastline and is the largest reef system in the world.

One of the 7 Wonders of the Natural World!



Size

The Great Barrier Reef spans over 2300kms and is the only living thing on earth visible from space. It is 65km wide at its widest, and 2000 meters at its deepest. It contains around 3,000 individual reefs. More than 9,000 species call the Great Barrier Reef home.



Threats

- Rising sea temperatures due to climate change
- Pollution
- Overfishing
- Cyclones
- Crown of Thorns Starfish



Formation

Reefs are living things and are very slow growing. The Great Barrier Reef is thought to be 20 million years old. It started off as a coral larvae, which attached itself to a hard surface and then reproduced.





1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Once I Caught a Fish Alive

One, two, three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish alive.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.



 RHYMES

Scan the QR code
for more quick rhymes!



*Count the seashells
by the sea shore!*



Here is the Sea

Here is the sea, the wavy sea,
here is a boat and here is me.

And little fishes, way down below,
wiggle their tails and away they go.

(Make hand actions while
singing this calming rhyme.)



Scan the QR code to go
in the draw to win a prize
by telling us where we could
host the next Tales and Trails!



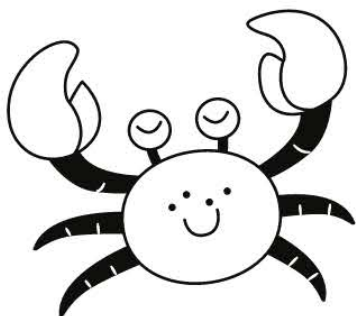
Sea Animals

Match the sea animals with the words.

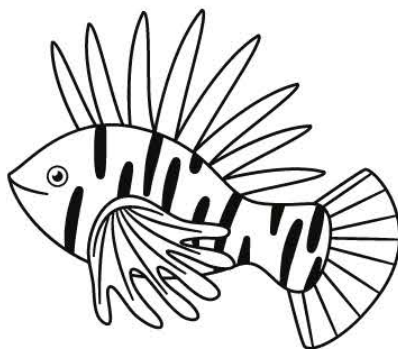


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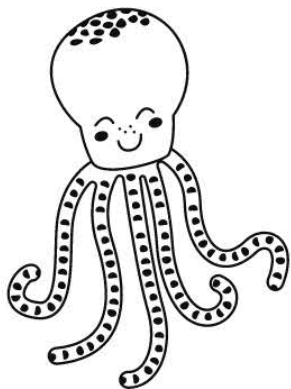
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☆ crab



☆ starfish



☆ seahorse