

Reduce
Reuse
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Be ocean-minded.

GERALD

Discovers Debris!



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Gerald Garibaldi was
a fish that lived in a forest.
A Fish in a forest, now that's
just absurd.. Well, not if it is a...

KELP



FOREST



Gerald lived in the kelp forest with
many fish just like him and friends that look
different as well. Susie shrimp, Steve
starfish, and Johnny Jellyfish.

Where do Gerald and his friends live?

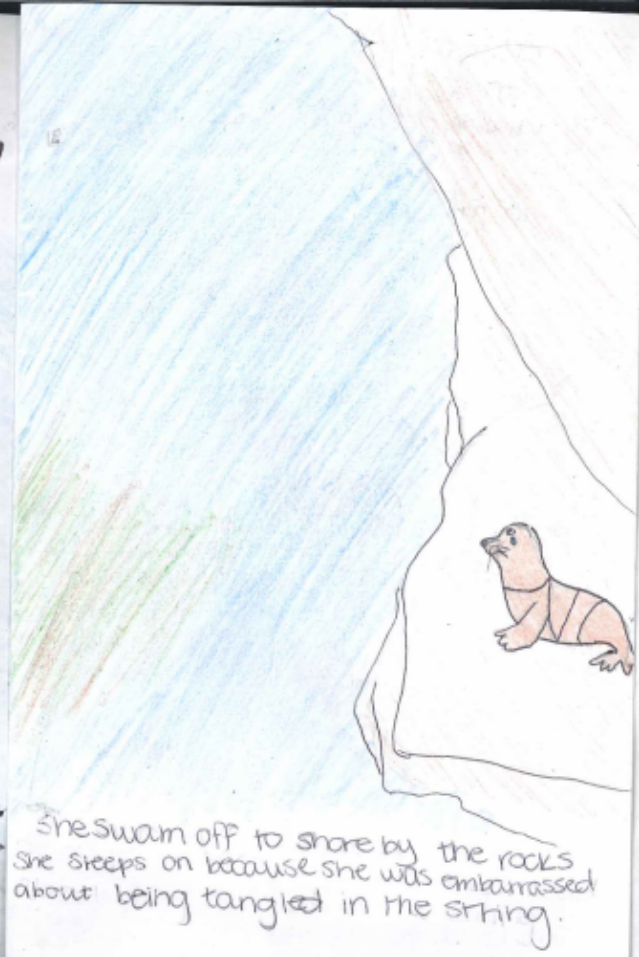
Gerald and his friends have a great time in their kelp forest neighborhood, but every once in a while, their neighbor Sally sea lion from down the sea comes by to eat.



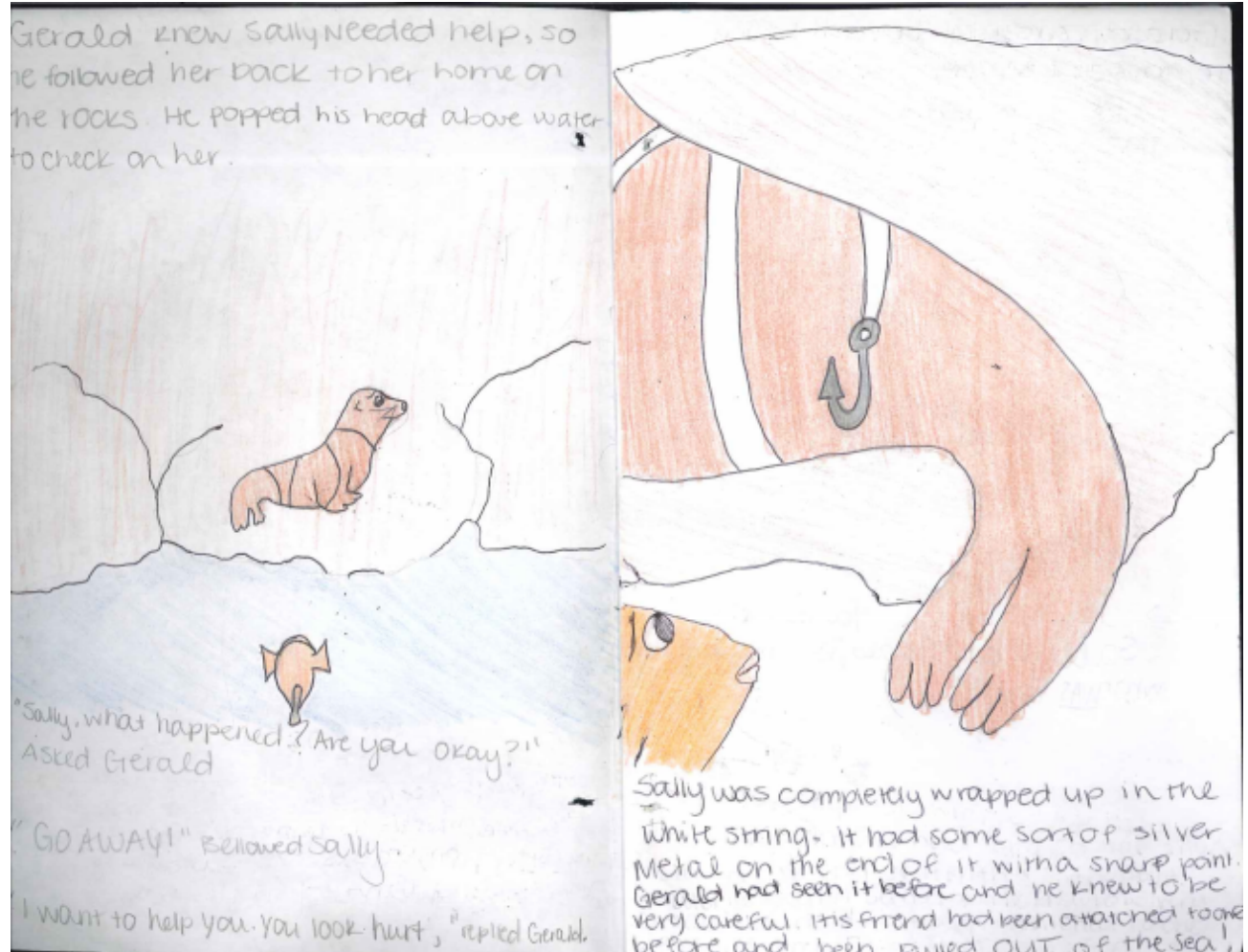
Sally is not a nice neighbor. She is loud, she swims fast, she is not friendly at all.

What behavior makes Sally an *improper* (not nice) neighbor? _____

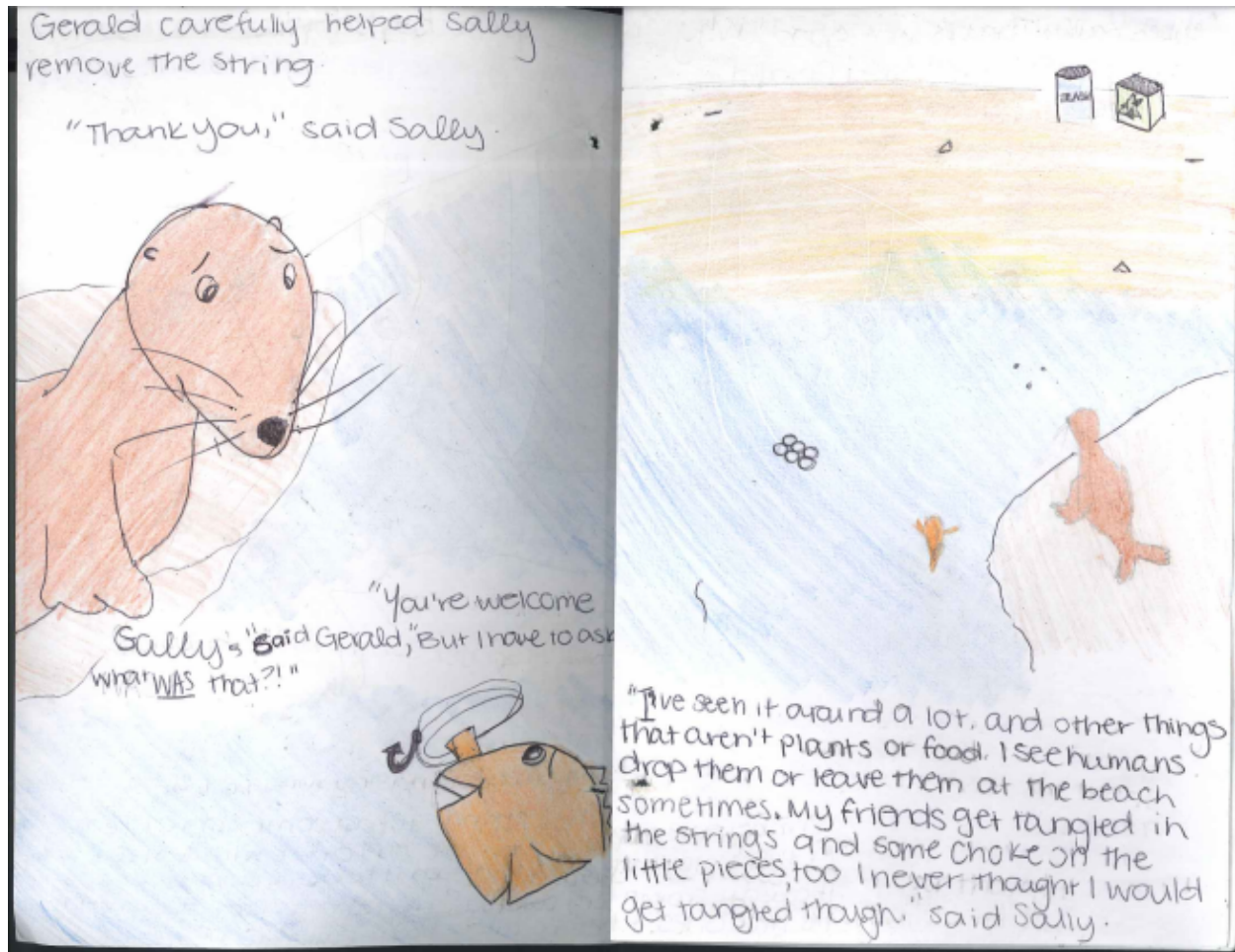
Sally comes to the Kelp forest in search of food. One day, Sally was swimming along searching for her next meal, when all of a sudden she got tangled in some kind of white string. She twisted and moved to try to get out of it, but it just tightened around her more!



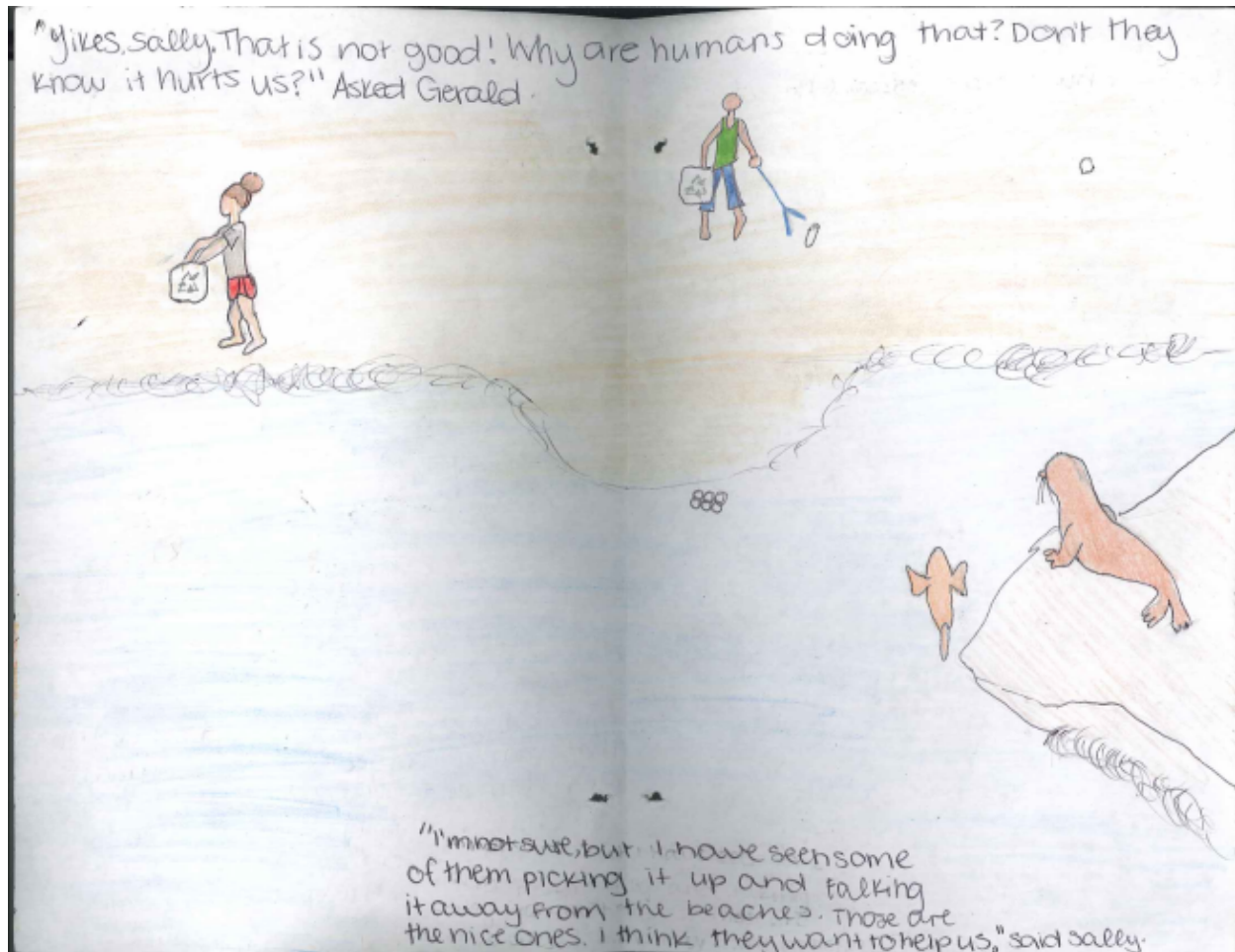
What happened to Sally when she came to the kelp forest for food? _____



What was Sally the Sea Lion entangled with?

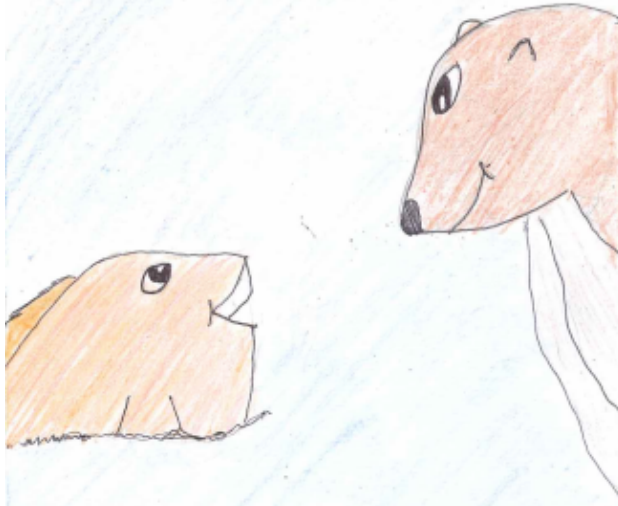


How are humans affecting Gerald and Sally's home?



What actions are the humans taking to help the marine animals like Sally and Gerald?

Gerald came back to check on Sally every day to see how she was feeling (she had quite a large scar from the wire).



They would watch the humans as they walked along the shore picking up the harmful things.

What were the humans picking up from the shore?

Gerald and Sally noticed that the more the humans cleaned the shore, the less their neighbors of the kelp forest were hurt...



... And the cleaner the kelp forest was for all the animals that lived there.

How did the kelp forest become a cleaner and safer place for the animals to live?

Marine Debris is man-made trash that ends up in the ocean from human pollution on land. It gets to the ocean by rain runoff. This debris can tangle animals and confuse them because little pieces of plastic can be mistaken for food. It is up to all of us to keep our beaches clean. You can do this by remembering to throw away your trash or you could even volunteer at a beach clean-up! If you do all these things you can be a Coast Keeper!



What is marine debris?

How does marine debris affect the ocean animals?

How can you help the ocean animals?
