

# Activity: Create an ocean manifesto

Create an **ocean manifesto** to share ocean action ideas with the rest of the school and inspire everyone to take action.

## Part 1: Recap why the ocean is important

1. Start by recapping why we need to protect the ocean. Give pupils 1 minute to write down the names of as many marine animals as they can think of from the earlier illustration. Pupils can do this on their own, or in small groups. Who thought of the most animals?
2. Now ask pupils to write down reasons for why the ocean is important and how humans benefit from it.
3. Rewatch [What did the ocean ever do for us?](#) and compare the points raised in the video with pupils' answers.



Use our [template](#) to create your own ocean manifesto

## Part 2: Create your ocean manifesto

1. Show pupils the [example](#) ocean manifesto. Explain that it is a summary of the actions you are going to take as a school to continue to be ocean-friendly.
2. As a class, or in small groups, ask pupils to think of a list of ocean action ideas – many of these can be taken from the earlier activity.
3. Share everyone's ideas and agree as a group which ones to put on the manifesto. If several classes, or the whole school, are taking part, you could take a vote to see what actions should end up in your manifesto. Use our blank [template](#) to add your final action points.

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## School Manifesto



Swap plastic for more sustainable alternatives and encourage everyone to use reusable items like bottles, lunch boxes, cutlery and straws



Encourage each other to use more sustainable transport to school, like walking, cycling or car sharing



Save energy by switching off lights, heating, water and technology when not needed



Ensure environmental and marine education is taught in our school



Establish new wildlife areas and initiatives at school, like a pond, vegetable allotment, or wildflower meadow



Reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible, including composting food waste, collecting rainwater, and taking better care of our resources



Include the wider community in events and educational initiatives, like fundraising days, local litter picks, and swap shops



Create a sustainability team to discuss new ideas to improve our school, like banning cars from idling outside school and ensuring school supplies are responsibly sourced

Our school pledges to work towards achieving the points in this manifesto.

Signed:

(Teacher)

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