

Teacher's Note

- Discuss the effects of an oil spill with your students.
- Are they aware that oil gets shipped around the world?
- A list of people who could help can be friends, relatives, government bodies or environmental groups.
- Locate the Environmental Protection Department in your State. Research with your students if they handle oil spills on the ocean.
- Discuss what students could do to help clean up an oil spill. This could be in the form of collecting oil soiled items from the beach or alerting others when they've found birds or other creatures on the shore line that are soiled with oil and need attention.

Suggested Activities:

- ❖ Obtain and watch a video from your local library about an oil spill and discuss its contents.
- ❖ Research the happenings of an oil spill in the past. What did they do to clean it up? The library or newspaper web sites sometimes record relevant information on their computer databases.
- ❖ Pour some oil in a large water filled basin. Ask students to observe what happens. Does the oil dissolve? What happens when they stir the water? What happens when dish washing liquid is poured in the basin? Ask your students if they could find a way of cleaning the water.
- ❖ Visit: <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/kids/kids.html>

Learning Area: Eng. **Strands:** SL. V. R. W. **Substrands:** SL1,2,3,4. V1,2,3,4. R1,2,3,4. W1,2,3,4.
Overarching: 1,6,10,12,13. **Linking Subjects:** S&E, Art, T&E and Sci.