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THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

Did you know there is a giant patch of garbage in the middle of the Pacific ocean? This is one of five garbage patches in the world's oceans! By the picture below, you can see where all the major garbage patches are located.

Today we will be focusing on the one in the Pacific ocean, which is located half-way between Hawaii and California.

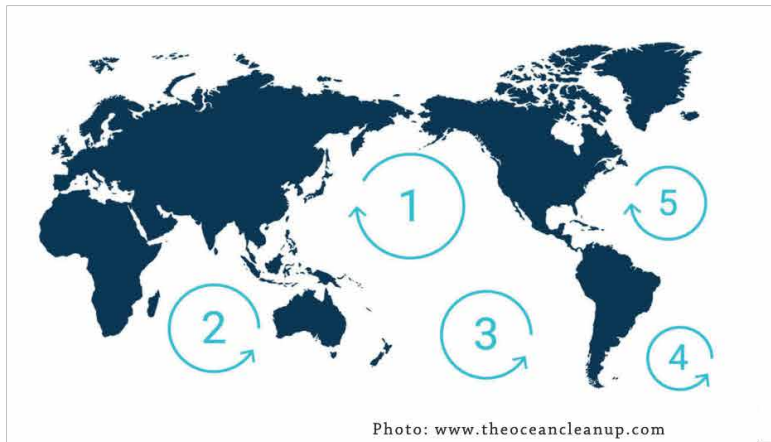


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Sadly, it is affecting marine life like otters, penguins, turtles, and other marine animals. The one in the Pacific ocean is 600,000 square miles and twice the size of Texas. There is an estimated 1.8 Trillion pieces of plastic with a weight of over 80,000 Tonnes. This is equivalent to more than 250 pieces of debris for every human in the world.

More than 242 million pounds of plastic trash is added to the ocean every year. All of this trash is hurting sea animals (and mermaids) and killing our environment. It is possible that trash will start moving towards beaches and you won't be able to go swimming in the sea. The sea is becoming more polluted than ever.

Abby - How it happened:

The Garbage Patch was created by the North Pacific Gyre. A Gyre is a system of circulating currents in an ocean, caused by the Coriolis Effect.

The key to the Coriolis effect lies in the Earth's rotation. If the effect is taking place on the northern hemisphere of the

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earth, it will spin clockwise. If it takes place in the southern hemisphere it will spin counter-clockwise.

The Earth rotates faster at the Equator than it does at the poles. The Earth is wider at the Equator, so to make a rotation in one 24-hour period, equatorial regions race nearly 1,040 miles per hour.

Near the poles, the Earth rotates at a sluggish .00005 mph.

Hanesh - How it affects marine life:

The Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch is a big island made out of trash. Some of the plastics break down so small that tiny animals like zooplankton can eat it! Scientists predict that there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050. Animals may consume plastic thinking it is food and predators eat them and die. Some can get trapped in nets too.

Lots of marine animals are affected by the trash in the ocean. Sea turtles mistake plastic bags and eat it. Albatrosses mistake plastic resin pellets for fish eggs and feed them to their young. Fish and whales mistake plastic for food. Some of the plastics are toxic and affect the ocean. The plastics that fish eat eventually get eaten by humans.

Abby:

On the bright side, many people are helping to clean up this massive garbage patch. Maybe we could build a giant net and clean this thing up!

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Friday Sept 6th
4-8pm!

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17 June - 4/5th grade Celebration

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19 June - Teacher Last Day

Famous Meme Cats

By: Avery Connors, Maya Robershaw, and Abby Ketchum

These are seven famous meme cats that became popular over the recent years and some information about them. If you don't know, meme cats are cats that exploded on the internet, and something about them makes them worthy of internet fame. For example, Grumpy Cat's depressing face, Lil' Bub's big eyes, and more.

Pusheen: Pusheen is a chubby, grey cat, created by Andrew Duff and Claire Belton in 2010. Pusheen has a sister named Stormy and you can find (mostly Pusheen) on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and most other social media. She first appeared in a comic called, "Pusheen Things" on Claire and Andrew's blog, Everyday Cute. Now, you can find Pusheen merchandise almost anywhere. There are different types of pusheen like the unicorn Pusheen, mermaid Pusheen, Dino Pusheen, Pugsheen, Lazy Pusheen, and Pusheen eating food like pizza, cupcakes, doughnuts, sushi etc. Now, there are Pusheen notebooks, clothing, mugs, backpacks, plushies, stickers, like one million memes, and much more. As you can see in the photo, Pusheen is a chubby grey cat with tiny, short legs and a few darker grey stripes, although Pusheen can come in any shape or size. So keep an eye out for other forms. Did you know Pusheen is based on Andrew's real grey tabby cat? Cool, right? Pusheen has got over 9 million likes on Facebook and 108,000 Twitter followers. In the original Everyday Cute, it starred Andrew and Claire in their everyday life. Pusheen is one of the only remaining Everyday Cute comic, while most of the originals were removed.



Nyan Cat: Nyan Cat was a Youtube video released on April 2, 2011, and it quickly became a meme. The basics of Nyan Cat are that they are a pop tart flying through space farting a rainbow. On April 2, 2011 the video of Nyan Cat was released by a 25-year old named Christopher Torres. There is also a video game of Nyan Cat and there's an evil waffle - cat version of them. You can find millions of videos of them today. Nyan Cat is not a real living cat she's made up. Actually, no person knows what gender Nyan Cat is because the creator never said. Nyan Cat has many followers and they will NEVER let Nyan Cat become a dead meme.

Lil Bub: Lil Bub is a famous cat that was found as the runt of a feral cat litter in July 2011 in Indiana. Ever since then, Lil Bub has become one of the most famous cats in the US. Lil Bub is mostly famous for her big eyes and hanging tongue. Lil Bub has been made into a stuffed animal, shirts, and more. Bub is a perma-kitten, which means she will always be tiny like a kitten. She has extreme feline dwarfism, which means her legs are disproportionate to her body. Bub's lower jaw is smaller than her upper, and having no teeth explains why her tongue hangs out all the time. Bub has remained healthy, though, due to a delicious diet of cat food. Lil Bub is a polydactyl cat. A polydactyl cat is a cat with extra toes- in her

case, all together she has 22 toes. (one extra on each foot) Lil Bub lives with her "dude", and many people believe she can see the future with her big green eyeballs. Sadly, at just one year old, Bub was diagnosed with a bone condition called osteoporosis. Bub is the only cat in recorded history with this disease, so it was hard to treat. The disease caused her bones to grow denser, but eventually with a treatment called Pulsed Electromagnetic Field Therapy. The ASPCA announced Lil Bub's Big Fund, which was to raise money for special needs cats. Lil Bub has raised more than \$200,000 through her online store.

Maru, The Box Cat: Maru is an adorable Scottish Fold cat from Japan. His name means circle or round, probably because he's really fat and round. Maru is a popular YouTube cat, and his videos consist of his fun adventures in boxes. His videos are usually 3-7 minutes. Maru LOVES boxes, and has a big fascination with them. Maru naps, plays, and eats in boxes. Did you know that as of September 2016 Maru's videos have been viewed more than 325 million times? That set a Guinness World Record for the most views on an individual animal! That's plain amazing. Maru shows up in videos under the YouTube channel "mugumogu". His owner is barely ever seen in the videos, giving Maru the spotlight. One of my favorite videos from Maru is "Maru's Ear Cleaning". Maru almost got the title of "The Most Famous Internet Cat", but Grumpy Cat is still a candidate. In the August of 2013, mugumogu adopted a cat named Hana and made Hana a member of the family after Maru and Hana got along very well.

Grumpy Cat: Grumpy Cat is known for is her grumpy looking picture, of course, and the caption that says "I had fun once. It was awful." Grumpy Cat's 13 year-old owner's name is Crystal Bundesen with her mom, Tabatha. Grumpy Cat is actually not grumpy. She is sweet, docile, and nice. Grumpy Cat only looks grumpy because she has something called "feline dwarfism" and a mouth that always makes her look like she's pouting. Because of her condition, she is about half the size of an average cat and her backside wobbles when she walks, but otherwise she is extremely healthy. Grumpy Cat is a mix breed and her real name is Tartar Sauce. She got this name because Tabatha worked at Red Lobster and Crystal ate tartar sauce for the first time right before Grumpy Cat was born. It became "Tartar" because Crystal couldn't spell "tartar" so it is tartar. Grumpy Cat was born on April 4, 2012 and lives in Arizona. Grumpy Cat first became famous when Crystal's Uncle posted Grumpy cat on the internet. People didn't believe the super-cute cat was real, so he posted a few videos to prove it suddenly the word spread that Grumpy Cat had become famous. Her owners started selling t-shirts, mugs, stuffed animals, and more! Then three books got released. Grumpy Cat became a movie star when the movie "Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever" premiered. Grumpy Cat likes to hang out under the bed, eat, and sleep! She also enjoys playing with string; just like any other ordinary cat. Although she sometimes rides in limos, Grumpy Cat is totally normal.

Unfortunately, on May 14th she died at seven years old in her owner's arms.

FLUFFY THE ARTIC FOX 2

BY ABBY A.

(Fluffy shook Raindrop awake as fast as she could.

“WAKE UP RAINDROP!” yelled Fluffy. “THERE’S A WAR GOING ON! WAKE UP!!!!!”

Raindrop slowly opened her eyes. Then she stood up as fast as she could, and as fast as she could she said,

“Fluffy, get on my back. We’re flying to the next continent.”

Fluffy scrambled up Raindrop’s tail onto her back. Raindrop took off at lightning speed over the sea. Three minutes later they found an island and slept there for seven hours. When they woke up they started flying into the sunset.

The next day: They were still flying even though Raindrop was very tired. 20 minutes later: They finally reached the next continent. They saw a giant metal tower and landed a long distance away thinking it could be dangerous. They fell asleep for 5 hours by an area with somewhat dense trees.

“Just enough for now” Fluffy thought.

When Fluffy woke up there was a red fox in her face.

“Hello?” The fox asked.

“W-who are you?”

“I’m Fluffy and this is my friend Raindrop!” Fluffy said cheerfully.

“I’m P-Pyro”

“Hi Pyro!” said Fluffy. Raindrop let out a loud snore.

“Where did you come from? AND WHY IS SHE SLEEPING ON TOP OF MY BURROW?!?!?!?!?” Pyro yelled.

“Oh sorry. I don’t think she knew,” Fluffy said sincerely.

“There was a war going on in our old continent so we came here.”

“Oh,” said Pyro.

“We should get going, some dragons might be flying here to flee from the war,” Fluffy announced.

“There’s a safe place 30 miles due north from here,” said Pyro.

“I think I saw that on our way here!” exclaimed Fluffy.

“Well, once your sleeping friend here wakes up, we can head there before anyone spots us,” said Pyro.

So, they let Raindrop sleep for another 10 minutes until repeatedly shaking her back and forth.

“Who’s that?” said Raindrop tiredly.

“This is Pyro. He will be helping us and accompanying us while we try to avoid the war.” Fluffy said.

“C’mon, we don’t have much time,” Announced Pyro. “Let’s head to the safe house.”

They walked and walked for miles and eventually they stopped to eat. Raindrop helped gather berries. As she flew up above to scope out the place with the densest trees to sleep, she saw the faint glimmer of shiny scales. She flew back down to their temporary camp.

“Fluffy, Pyro,” she said urgently, “We need to get to the safe house as fast as we can. I saw some glimmering scales when I was flying. We need to go NOW”

“Pyro! Lead the way. FAST” Fluffy said.

“I’ll try, but it would be faster if we rode of Raindrop,” said Pyro.

“HEY! I’m no machine, usually just carrying Fluffy is hard enough, but I’ll try,” said Raindrop.

They all scrambled onto Raindrop’s back and headed towards the safe house. Faster and louder the wingbeats grew, but Raindrop kept flying faster. Occasionally, they could feel a close by blast of fire. Soon they reached the safe house. They started circling around it, trying to scope out a safe place to land.

Eventually, they found a clearing in the trees. The trees surrounding were very thick and dense. They took down some trees and built a small hut and a campfire. They made sure the trees were thick enough so that no smoke escaped and signaled other dragons.

As they stared into the warm glow of the fire, each of them slowly lulled off to sleep. In the morning they found it was raining. Each of them were cold and wet.

Since Raindrop’s wings were wet, she couldn’t fly. So, they walked, and walked, and walked for what seemed like hours. Soon they reached the safe house. They tried to open the old creaky door, but it was stuck shut. Raindrop tried to fire a shimmery blue blast of fire, but all that came out was some sparkly smoke. She was shivering in the cold rain, waiting to get inside someplace warm. Then she would light a fire for the others. But she couldn’t. She was too cold and wet. She wished she was back home in the warm sunshine relaxing on a cloud. But she couldn’t. Her life would never go back to normal. She knew that. Now that this war was happening. She slammed against the door with all her might. She busted a hole through a door and went inside. She tried to light a fire with what little warmth she had left. But she couldn’t. Pyro sat down next to her.

“Are you ok?” He said sympathetically. “You seem really cold.”

Pyro suddenly started glowing with warmth and Raindrop absorbed every last bit of it. She lit a fire in the middle of the room. Fluffy came and sat next to her. They all stared into the fire. Suddenly Fluffy felt something change inside her. She started missing her home more than ever. She blinked. She was back in her igloo! She blinked again. She was back with her friends.

“Raindrop, Pyro, I need to go. It is time for me to go back. Goodbye. I will miss you all.” Fluffy saw that faint blue glow again, and she was home. She fell asleep, dreaming of her friends.

The end!



Abby's Book Nook

By: Abby Ketchum

1. The Hunger Games series, by Suzanne Collins- THIS BOOK SERIES IS RECOMMENDED FOR OLDER KIDS!!! Anyhoo.... In the ruins of North America, there's a country called Panem. It's been divided into twelve districts, and each year the Capitol forces them to each send one girl and one boy to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death that for some reason is broadcast on live TV.

When Katniss takes her sister's place, she must make some hard choices to survive the Hunger Games. I've read the first book and watched the first and second movies. I can't wait to see what happens in the third book! This book was highly enjoyable to read and had lots of interesting characters and plots.

2. The Ultimate Book Hugger's Guide, By Chris Colfer- Okay I have an obsession with these books. Anyhoo, The Book Hugger's Guide is the most recent addition to The Land of Stories Series. This book consists of extra chapters that weren't

put into the books, fan art, what inspired the characters, and more. One of my favorite parts is when Mother Goose interviews Chris Colfer. This book is meant for people who want to know secrets of The Land of Stories book series. (THE BEST BOOK SERIES EVER) If you're wondering where the name comes from, The Book Huggers are a group of girls in the Otherworld who try to figure out where Alex and Conner really went. This book was very informational and is useful if you're doing a book report about The Land of Stories.

3. Real Friends, By Shannon Hale- This is a unique auto biography, as it is a graphic novel. This was an OBOB book this year and it was fun to read. It follows young

Shannon as she makes friends and enemies. Shannon's friends and evil sisters make it hard to navigate through life, but she manages to do it with some funny and sad experiences along the way. This book was very fun to read and it can make you feel very grateful for the friends you have. I love the drawings and how the story can make you feel so many things, like happy, sad, mad, confused, and much more.

I definitely recommend this book for every age group.

This is the end of Abby's Book Nook in the Examiner. Thanks for reading and hopefully you found some great books to read!



Zachariah The Adventurist Hamster

By: Joey Lacey

Part 1: The Beginning

"Ok children, Dad and I are going to go hunt for nuts," said Natasha.

"And we'll be home by around 3ish," said Zac; aka Zachariah.

"Bye," said the kids moments later as bird was casing them.

"NATASHA RUN!" said Zac, as they scurry across the dirt and dive behind a tree.

"I...I think we lost it," said Natasha breathlessly.

"Let's go back to the den," said Zac tiredly and at that moment.

"Squaw, squaw," they heard the bird say.

"Run!" said Natasha, but then all of a sudden they fell into a deep, deep, deep hole.

"Natasha are you ok?" asked Zac.

"Yah," Natasha said painfully rubbing her head.

"Where are we," asked Natasha.

"I have no idea," said Zac in astonishment.

"How are we going to get out?" Natasha said nervously.

"Maybe we can climb out?" said Zac scared.

"Well let's make the best of this and try and find a way out," said Natasha. "You'll never get out I've tried," said an 'echoey' voice.

"Who's there, show yourself," said Zac.

"The names Sonic, Sonic the hamster," said the voice.

"Okay Sonic let's go down the cave and look around," asked Natasha.

"We can't there's a bolder too steep to climb too big to go around," said Sonic.

"Then we'll check the other way," said Zac.

"No we can't, it's crawling with insects as big as rats," said Sonic.

"So were stuck?" said Natasha sort of depressed.

"So let's just take a look at that boulder," said Zac enthusiastically.

"Fine, let's go," said Sonic sadly.

"Wow that's a big boulder!" said Natasha surprised.

"Well what did you expect?" said Sonic.

"Let's try to climb it," said Zac said somewhat scared.

"Your funeral," said Sonic depressingly.

"Let's go," said Natasha twenty minutes later.

"I'm starting to regret this, LOOK OUT NATASHA!" said Zac. WHAM Natasha was hit by a big rock.

"NOOOOOOOOOO," cried Zac.

THE END, READ BOOK 2 TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO NATASHA

Continued from Famous Meme Cats.....

Snoopy: Though there is a cute dog named Snoopy, many of us think the cat is much cuter. Snoopy is a male exotic shorthair that lives in China, known for his large eyes and clueless mouth. Snoopy was born on May 11, 2011. Because of his irreplaceable face, he went on to become a show cat and shortly after that launched a Weibo account, which his loving owner posts pictures of him on everyday. Though, since Weibo is limited to registered users, he also launched a blog and an Instagram account by February 2012. Now you can find a lot of blogs for Snoopy like: PBH2, Paw Nation,

Complex, Cutest Paw, Love Meow, and more!

Venus: This "two faced" cat is still a mystery to many. Amazingly, this adorable cat has one side of it's face orange with a blue eye, and the other black with a green eye. Did you know Venus has a twin? They look very alike. According to multiple sources, Venus has chimerism, a genetic disorder. A chimerism cat is formed by two non-identical twins. Most tortoiseshell cats are chimerism. Though most tortoiseshells are, Venus happens to not be polydactyl. Overall, Venus is one of the most famous cats in the world and is well known world-wide.



NEKO ATSUME

By Katie and Sawyer Hoodbury

Neko Atsume (Nee-co At-soom-a) is a cat collector game. In fact, the English translation of Neko Atsume is Cat Collector. Neko Atsume is free, and fun! I hope you decide to play. To help you get more information, read this article and learn about Neko Atsume!! It's complicated yet very simple. Once you get it, you can move on to Rare Cat collecting and getting mementos! Although, if you decide to play and want to get rare cats, don't get carried away. Remember you also have regular cats.

- How to play

Well, you start by going to shop. Actually, the pointer directs you to shop. It gives you money and then makes you buy a rubber ball(Red) and the cheapest food; Thrifty Bits. Once you make those purchases, you can place them in your yard. There is only one food place so you don't have a lot of choices... On the other hand, with the rubber ball(Red) you have 5 spaces to pick and to place your future toys, and the rubber ball(Red) you just bought. Snowball is your starter cat. She/he will be in your yard in no time flat playing with your toys. Once Snowball leaves a cat/cats (If you bought other items) will come play in your yard. They will eventually leave and automatically give you a gift such as fish. (Gold or silver) There are also rare cats that have features such as clothes and bowls on their head. (Note: There is a rare cat named Frosty and I have figured out that Frosty will sometimes wear a straw blanket, but he will only come with his blanket when you put his cushion (Snowy Pillow) outside to keep him warm.) So, if you want to catch Frosty wearing a blanket or no blanket that's my tip. Also, it can be really hard to get Frosty. it can take month, but it also can be really easy. For me, it took one minute after I bought his cushion.

- Mementos

Mementos are special gifts from cats. Different cats give different mementos. Mementos can be items like a spoon, a glove, a wooden board, and so on. Cats give you mementos when they have visited your yard a lot, but they don't always leave a memento. Billy the

Kitten has come to my yard plenty, but I still don't have his memento. When you are receiving a memento it will go dark and a cat will walk up.

- Pictures and Albums

When cats visit your yard, you have the option of taking a picture. Every cat you have has an album. Your album can only hold so many pictures. Eventually, your album for a cat will be full. If that happens, you can delete a picture or move a picture to a different album. There is also a free album. You can put any picture in your free album, including group photos. Or if a cat's album is full, you can move it to the free album. The free album has a capacity of seventy-two pictures, which is more than the amount of pictures you can put into a cat album.

- Daily passwords

Daily passwords are something you would obviously check daily. You select news, and then click on the sign with a word. If you have an Apple device, you will automatically get a reward. If you have a Samsung device, you will have to type in the password. The passwords are long words, like rambunctious. After you input your password, it gives you 19 or so silver fish. About the gold, well, when you get them you would get about 1 or 2 goldfish with 6, 7, or 8 silver fish.

- Remodel and Yard Expansion

The yard expansion costs 180 goldfish. Once you buy the yard expansion, you have more spots for items, and you have the option of a remodel. A remodel makes your yard a different style. You can have Modern, Rustic, Zen, Cafe, and Original. Each style costs 280 goldfish, except the first one you buy, which costs only 140 goldfish. To get to the remodel, you select "other" and "remodel." You need a yard expansion for a remodel. Yard expansion is in the store. (Note: you can not go back to the smaller yard after you have bought the yard expansion. If you bought a remodel you can switch back and forth between them.)

- Big and small toys

When you decide that your yard needs a change, you go to the shop,

of course. But have you noticed the S or the L in the corner of the item box? S would mean small, and L would mean large. But what is the difference? Well, the small items can only hold a single cat, but a large item can hold up to two or more cats. A large item is the size of two regular items, and that can take up more space. That means less room for toys. But remember, you can get more cats with a large item than you can with a regular item. (Note: Large items seem to cost more than regular items. And the Cat Metropolis holds the most cats. Along with Bureau with Pots, which can also hold six cats).

- Wallpapers

Wallpapers are a new thing in Neko Atsume. That just shows how much they change and update the game so it will get better and better as you play! Once you get your first cat to start coming and fighting to have a turn in your yard 100 times, you get your first wallpaper! (Provided by Snowball). To get the one wallpaper you have Snowball visit you yard 100 times or more. Wallpapers cost twenty goldfish.

- Tips

One of my tips is don't buy pricy food unless it gets a special cat. You can attract Tubbs with the light brown giant cushion, which usually holds two cats, but you will still need no Thrifty Bits. It is better because you can't refill when Tubbs is there unless he disappears. Also, I have found that when you check cats there is sometimes no cats in your yard. So, put your cats away and about one minute later you can check again. There will most likely be one or two cats unless there is no food. When you take a picture of a cat at the top of the screen you can hit a landscape button. That takes a picture of your whole unexpanded yard. If you take a picture with the landscape button it will not go to your Neko Atsume account rather your device photos.

There is a Neko Atsume app called RareCatsforNekoAtsume. It can help you get more rare cats. Once you refill food don't take too long to come because I guarantee there will be cats almost immediately.

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