Creek

On the weekend, Sam and Ben went down to the creek to look for frogs and bugs. They noticed that there were food wrappers and bottles floating in the creek and that the water was quite smelly. The smell was quite off-putting, and Sam and Ben didn't think they would find any frogs or bugs, so they decided to leave and find another place to play.

Beach

After school on a warm day, Tim and Sarah headed to the beach. After playing in the water for a while they decided to run along the shore and find a good place to build sandcastles. Tim spotted something shiny in the sand and ran over to look at it. It was a half-buried shard of glass. Sarah also noticed that there were some plastic bags blowing around. They both decided to move away and find another spot for their sandcastles.

Schoolyard

Rhianna and her friends were sitting on the grass next to the basketball courts, eating their recess while they waited for their turn to play. As soon as the court was free they jumped up, leaving their rubbish on the grass. At the end of recess, they were so happy after their game that they ran straight back to class, forgetting all about their rubbish.

Roadside – urban area

Rachael was walking the family dog, Princess Sparkles, with her dad and older brother. As the humans walked along the footpath, Princess Sparkles walked in the gutter, so she could sniff amongst the leaves. Suddenly, Princess Sparkles stopped walking and began licking something caught in the gutter. Rachael saw that it was a crushed drink can with very sharp edges, so she quickly called Princess Sparkles away from it. Rachel then noticed that there were all sorts of other things in the gutter, such as plastic bags and juice boxes. Rachael, her dad and brother were annoyed that someone had dropped the can in the gutter, but were relieved that Princess Sparkles hadn't hurt herself.

Local park

On a warm spring day, Jono and his family headed down to the local park to have a BBQ. They had a wonderful time cooking, eating and playing. When it was time to leave, they couldn't see a bin close by, so they left their rubbish on the table.

Later that day, Jordan's family came along to enjoy a picnic in the same park. They were annoyed when they got to the table and saw the plastic plates, food scraps and paper napkins that Jono and his family had carelessly left behind. Luckily, Jordan's family had brought some plastic bags with them. They cleared the rubbish off the table and put it into a bag, so they could take it home and put it in the bin.

As they cleared the table, Jordan and his mum got soft drink and sauce all over their hands. It was not a very pleasant start to their picnic!

Roadside – regional area

Billy and his mum were driving through the countryside on their way to visit his Grandma for her birthday. It was a long drive, so they decided to stop for a lunch break. They pulled into a roadside rest area with a shaded picnic table. As they got out of the car, Billy noticed heaps of lolly wrappers and chip packets blowing around, and some plastic bottles left on the table. He was surprised there was no bin at the rest area.

Car park

Kelly, her dad and her sister, went to the shops to buy dinner. As they were packing their shopping bags into the car, the receipt blew out of one of the bags and across the car park. Kelly's dad quickly ran after it and managed to grab it before it got too far away. As Kelly was waiting for her dad to come back, she noticed that there were actually quite a few things floating around in the car park; more receipts, plastic bags and some drink cartons. She wondered how these things had got there and whether anyone would pick them up before they blew away and out of the car park.