Oil and the Ocean

A Florida Water Warriors Lab

Write your best guesses to these questions

- What will happen when oil spills in our jar ocean?
- Will we be able to get the oil out of the water?
- What will happen to the toy wildlife?

Materials:

- Clear glass jar
- Water
- Blue food coloring
- Clear plastic cup
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon black paint
- Spoon
- Small plastic marine wildlife
- Feather



Step By Step

- **Step 1:** Make the model of the ocean by filling half the glass jar with water and add a few drops of blue food coloring
- **Step 2:** Add the vegetable oil to the "ocean". Add black paint and stir.
- **Step 3:** Shake the jar and observe.
- **Step 4:** Put plastic wildlife toy into "ocean" and shake. Remove the toy and observe what it looks and feels like.
- **Step 5:** Repeat the last step with a feather.
- **Step 6:** Look at what you guessed on page 1. Were your guesses correct?
- **Step 7:** Discuss what would happen if oil spilled in the real ocean. What might happen to the wildlife?