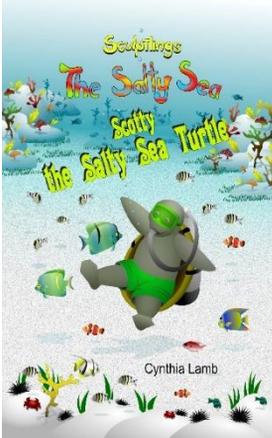


# Topic and Discussions with Q & A

**Sculptlings**

## The Sporty Little Penguins Series



## Scotty the Salty Sea Turtle

Ocean Conservation Book About Being Aware Of Your Surroundings Respecting your Environment, Taking Safety Measures)

*Scotty the Salty Sea Turtle* story follows a friendly sea turtle who loves to explore the ocean and discover new creatures. As he swims through the sea, Scotty reminds young readers that exploring new places is exciting, but it's important to be safe, aware, and to explore with a buddy! *Scotty the Sea Turtle* provides a gentle, engaging way to teach young children that exploration and safety go hand in hand. It's a great story for lessons on ocean life, friendship, and awareness, encouraging children to make thoughtful, safe choices both in the water and in their daily adventures.

### Book Topics

- Safety Awareness
- Making Good Choices:
- Curiosity and Exploration:
- The importance of the buddy system
- Respecting the ocean and the environment

**Ideas for how to review this book with Preschool kids: Engage little learners with simple, interactive questions and activities:**

- What was the message of the story?
- Can you retell the story in your own words? (Let the child share what they remember. It helps with comprehension and expression.)
- Go page by page: Ask, "What's happening here?" Describe what the character is seeing and doing.
- Discuss how Scotty loves to explore but must always be careful.
- What can be dangerous in the ocean? (Jellyfish, eels, crabs, fire coral.)
- Rhyme Time: Find rhyming words together. "Did you hear any words that sound the same?" Pause at key rhyming lines and let students repeat after you (helps with rhythm and recall).

**More Ideas for how to use these books with your Kindergarteners to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:**

- What does Scotty do before he starts traveling? (*Encourage children to think about preparing before doing new activities like wearing sunscreen, packing snacks, or asking an adult for help*)
- Discuss exploring ocean life, habitats, and the idea that animals protect themselves in different ways.
- Reinforce everyday safety habits. Like staying with a buddy, asking an adult for help, and being aware of surroundings.
- Build vocabulary (explore, careful, buddy), rhyme recognition, and comprehension through discussion and retelling.
- What did Scotty teach us? (It's safer and more fun to explore with a buddy. Be careful with new things. When you don't know what it is, to look but don't touch!)



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These questions can be asked during or after reading to encourage children to think, respond, and connect with Scotty's message. Discussion ideas for Preschool children.

### About the Story

1. Who is the main character in our story? **Response:** Scotty the Sea Turtle!
2. What does Scotty like to do? **Response:** He likes to swim and explore new places.
3. Where does Scotty live? **Response:** In the ocean!
4. What does Scotty always check before he goes exploring? **Response:** His gear (the things he needs to stay safe).

### Safety and Awareness

5. Why does Scotty say "safety comes first"? **Response:** Because being safe helps him have fun and not be afraid.
6. What should we do if we see something we don't know? **Response:** Don't touch it. Just look!
7. What might happen if Scotty touches a strange jellyfish? **Response:** He might get stung!
8. What should Scotty do if he sees a hole in a rock or the sand? **Response:** Don't put his hand inside because there could be something hiding!

### Teamwork and Friendship

9. What did Scotty learn about swimming with a buddy? **Response:** It's safer and more fun to explore with a friend.
10. Who could be your buddy when you explore or play outside? **Response:** My friend, my mom, dad, teacher, or classmate!
11. Why is it good to have a buddy? **Response:** Because buddies help keep us safe and we can have fun together!



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### Making Good Choices

**12.** What kind of choices did Scotty make? **Response:** He made safe choices, like being careful and not touching strange things.

**13.** What can *you* do to stay safe when you play? **Response:** Stay close to my friends or grown-ups, look where I'm going, and don't touch things I don't know.

**14.** How did Scotty feel when he explored safely? **Response:** Happy and brave!

**15.** What do you think Scotty would say to you if you went exploring? **Response:** Be careful, have fun, and don't forget your buddy!



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Reviewing these phrases in the story will help children have more of an understanding on what it means.

### Discuss What Scotty Mean When He Says

**1. What does Scotty mean when he says: “Safety comes first, so that I have no fear.”**

**What it means:** Scotty is saying he makes sure everything is safe before he starts exploring, so he doesn't get scared or hurt. *“Scotty checks his things and looks around carefully before he swims. When we are careful, we can have fun and not be scared.”*

**Real-life example:** “Before you ride your bike, you put on your helmet. That’s like Scotty checking his gear!”

**2. What does Scotty mean when he says: “He has to be aware, because dangerous it might be.”**

**What it means:** Scotty pays attention to what’s around him because some things in the ocean could hurt him. *“Scotty looks and listens to see what’s around him. He doesn’t touch or go too close if he doesn’t know what it is.”*

**Real-life example:** When you walk with your grown-up, you look both ways before crossing the street. That’s being aware like Scotty!

**3. What does Scotty mean when he says: “Don’t touch things that you haven’t seen before.”**

**What it means:** If Scotty finds something new or strange, he just looks. He doesn’t touch it because it might be dangerous. *“If you find something you don’t know, like a bug or a plant, you can look but don’t touch. Ask a grown-up first!”*



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**4. What does Scotty mean when he says: What does Scotty mean when he says: “It is better to swim as a pair.”**

**What it means:** Scotty learned it’s safer to swim with a friend instead of being alone. *“Scotty learned that swimming with a friend is a good idea! A buddy can help you if something scary happens.”*

**Real-life example:** When we go to the playground, we stay with our buddy or our teacher. Just like Scotty!

**5. What does Scotty mean when he says: “Eels and crabs are quick when they attack!”**

**What it means:** Some sea animals move very fast if they feel scared or want to protect themselves. Scotty doesn’t want to bother them. *“If Scotty gets too close to an eel or crab, it might snap because it’s scared. That’s why he gives animals space.”*

**Real-life example:** “When we see a bee, we don’t swat it — we move away slowly. We give it space like Scotty gives sea animals space.”

**6. What does Scotty mean when he says: “Be sure to make good choices, so your travels are safe and sound.”**

**What it means:** Scotty is reminding us to think before we do something, so we don’t get hurt. *“Scotty wants us to stop and think before we do things. If we make good choices, we stay happy and safe!”*

**Real-life example:** “When you decide to walk instead of run inside, that’s a good choice. You’re being like Scotty!”



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### Understanding the Story

- 1:** Who is Scotty? **Response:** Scotty is a sea turtle who loves to swim and explore the ocean.
- 2:** What does he like to do in the ocean? **Response:** He likes to see new places and meet new sea creatures.
- 3:** Why does Scotty check his gear before he swims? **Response:** To make sure everything is safe and ready so he won't get hurt.
- 4:** What kinds of creatures does Scotty see? **Response:** He might see fish, crabs, eels, and jellyfish.

### Safety and Decision-Making

- 5:** Why does Scotty remind us to be careful? **Response:** Because some things in the ocean can be dangerous, like jellyfish or fire coral.
- 6:** What could happen if Scotty touches something he doesn't know? **Response:** He might get stung or hurt.
- 7:** What does it mean when Scotty says, "Safety comes first"? **Response:** It means we should think about staying safe before doing something fun.
- 8:** Can you think of a time you had to be careful while playing or exploring? **Response:** (Open Discussion)

### Exploring and Being Curious

- 9:** Why do you think Scotty likes to explore new places? **Response:** Because he likes to learn and see exciting new things in the ocean.
- 10:** Is it good to be curious? Why or why not? **Response:** Yes! Being curious helps us learn new things but we have to be safe, too.
- 11:** What should you do if you find something interesting but don't know what it is? **Response:** Look at it, but don't touch it. Ask a grown-up first.



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### Friendship and Teamwork

**12:** Why does Scotty say it's better to swim with a buddy? **Response:** Because buddies can help each other stay safe and have fun together.

**13:** What can a buddy help you with when you're exploring? **Response:** They can watch out for danger, share what they see, and help if something goes wrong.

**14:** How can you be a good buddy to someone else? **Response:** Stay close to them, take turns, share, and make sure they're safe and thinking before they act.

### Making Good Choices

**15:** What good choices did Scotty make in the story? **Response:** He checked his gear, didn't touch strange animals, and swam with a buddy.

**16:** What might have happened if Scotty didn't make safe choices? **Response:** He could have gotten stung or scared, or lost in the ocean.

**17:** What are some good choices you can make at school or on the playground? **Response:** Listen to the teacher, walk safely, stay with friends, and use kind words.

**18:** How do you know when you're making a safe choice? **Response:** When it helps me and my friends stay safe and doesn't hurt anyone.

### Feelings and Reflection

**19:** How do you think Scotty felt when he saw something scary? **Response:** He probably felt nervous or afraid. But he stayed calm and careful.

**20:** How do you think he felt when he was exploring with a buddy? **Response:** Happy, safe, and excited to share the adventure!

**21:** Have you ever felt scared or brave when trying something new? **Response:** (Open Discussion.)

### Wrap-Up Question

**Q22:** What lesson did Scotty teach us? **Response:** Always explore safely, be careful around new things, and it's best to have a buddy!



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#### 2. Where does Scotty like to swim?

- A. In a river
- B. In the ocean
- C. In a pool

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- A. Explore and meet new friends
- B. Cause problems for the sea life
- C. Collect shells

#### 4. What does Scotty say comes first?

- A. Playtime
- B. Snacks
- C. Safety

#### 5. What should Scotty NOT do when he sees something new?

- A. Touch it right away
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- C. It will feel good

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- C. With a buddy

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- A. It's safer and more fun
- B. So you can race
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**9. What does Scotty learn at the end of the story?**

- A. There is nothing in the ocean to see
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## Preschool

**Tips:** Use these as listening questions after reading aloud (“Who remembers what Scotty said about touching things?”). Have younger kids point to the picture in the book when answering and simplify questions (“What should Scotty do if he sees something he doesn’t know?”). For older kids, ask them to quote the story (“Can you remember what Scotty said?”)

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