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## Storm Water Sleuths

**Background Information:** When Trinity Trudy came home from a summer weekend away, she discovered her river was trashed! There was a big oil slick in the middle of the river. A bunch of plastic cups washed onto the river banks and there was even some pet waste in the river. Also, there was weird, foamy water coming from a storm drain outfall. Trinity Trudy needs to find out who polluted her home so she can ask them to stop and help her clean up the mess.



**Directions:** Read the clues below to help you determine which person caused the different forms of pollution. Each person caused only one type of pollution. Place an “√” in the box if you think the person was responsible for the storm water pollution and place an “X” if you think the person was not responsible for the storm water pollution.

- There are 2 boys and 2 girls who caused this mess.
- Mary never picks up her dog’s poop.
- Both girls said Marcus had solid waste.
- Julia saw how upset Trinity Trudy was and helped her pick up the cups, even though she isn’t the one who dumped them.
- One of the boys can’t stand it when his car is dirty so he washed it this morning.

	Marcus	Julia	Mary	Ricardo
Dog Poop				
Oil				
Cups				
Foamy Stuff				

What was the “foamy stuff”? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it bad for the environment? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some things you can do to help prevent storm water pollution?

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<b>Dog Poop</b>	X	X	✓	X
<b>Oil</b>	X	✓	X	X
<b>Cups</b>	✓	X	X	X
<b>Foamy Stuff</b>	X	X	X	✓

What was the "foamy stuff"? Soapy water from Ricardo washing his car.

Why is it oil bad for the environment? Oil is toxic to aquatic life. It can make fish, insects, frogs, turtles, plants, and other living things sick or may even kill them.

What are some things you can do to help prevent storm water pollution?  
Always throw trash in a trash can, pick up your pet's waste, take used motor oil to a commercial oil service center, follow directions when applying fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, sweep up grass clippings and place them on your lawn, take your vehicle to a commercial car wash.

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