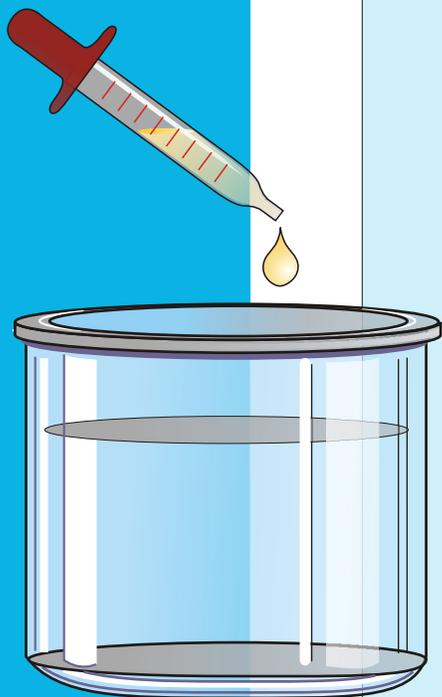


# Earth Day for KIDS



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## cleanup EXERCISE



- 1 Divide participants into several teams.  
Fill aluminum pie pans or empty butter tubs with water. Explain that an oil tanker has just sprung a leak on each "lake" and each team must clean up the pollution with minimal effect on the environment.
- 2 Describe the available cleanup methods, which include containment (using 10-inch sections of twine), recovery (using an eyedropper), sinking (using sand), adsorption (using paper towels) and dispersal (using liquid detergent).
- 3 Allow groups to choose their strategy, then add two drops of motor oil to their water.
- 4 Discuss which methods worked best and why.
- 5 After the exercise, remember not to pour the contaminated water on the ground or down a drain! Take it to an oil-recycling center.
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