

The Starfish Story

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One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

*Approaching the boy, he asked, What are you doing?
The youth replied, Throwing starfish back into the ocean.*

The surf is up and the tide is going out.

If I don't throw them back, they'll die.

Son, the man said, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?

You can't make a difference!

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said,

I made a difference for that one.

