

# *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."*



