

Introductory story

It had finally stopped raining. Lilu put on his rubber boots and made his way to his friend Alina. He skipped happily through the puddles until he stopped, startled, on the bridge over a river. A motorboat was anchored on the riverbank. He saw a strange, shimmering spot on the surface of the water at the back of the motorboat. On the other side of the river, a whole load of rubbish was caught between overhanging bushes. Lilu was upset that people were so careless with nature. He urgently wanted to talk to Alina about this.

When he reached Alina, he told her about his observations. Alina was also upset. They thought about how they could get the rubbish out of the water so that the animals living in the river would feel better again. They wanted to go to the river first thing in the morning and start their planned experiments.

When Lilu set off for the river the next morning, he was surprised to realise that he had put on his rubber boots for nothing – all the puddles were gone. What had happened to the water in the puddles? So many things he wanted to investigate together with Alina. Would you like to help the two of them?

Puddles: What Happens to Polluted Water within the Water Cycle?

Shimmering spot: Oil Spill Cleanup

Rubbish in the river: Does Rubbish Float or Sink?