

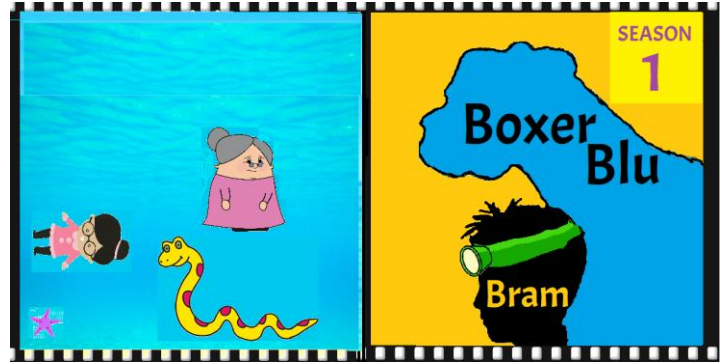
# Little News Ears

## Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: sea snakes in New Caledonia, sleeping bags Time Square, impeachment



### Item #1 – ‘Seven Snorkeling Grandmas Discovered a Deadly Sea Snake Population’

Author: Ellen Gutoskey

Source: Mental Floss

Link: <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/605724/snorkeling-grandmas-uncover-deadly-sea-snakes>

**Activities – STEAM - Math and Science – Marine Biology** Sea Snake 3D Tangram

Materials: small pieces of paper towel rolls, construction paper, small hexagonal tangrams (e.g., made with an exacto knife on cardboard, regular tangram shapes)

1. After learning about sea snakes, such as from [here](#) and [here](#), ask the students to look at pictures of snakes, to look for [geometric shapes in their skin](#).
2. After identifying shapes, such as hexagons, kites, and ovals, focus on the [olive sea snake](#).
3. With the materials ask the students to make olive sea snakes, tracing around hexagonal pieces.

### Item #2 – Title: ‘Hundreds Spend the Night in Sleeping Bags on Times Square’

Authors: Andrea Salcedo and Nikita Stewart

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/07/nyregion/homelessness-sleepout-times-square.html>

**Activities – Social Studies - Community** – [Activities to Learn about Homelessness](#)

### Item #3 – Title: ‘This Fossil Find of an Ancient ‘Snake with Legs’ Tells an Incredible Story’

Authors: Michael Caldwell & Alessandro Palci

Source: Science Alert

Link: <https://www.sciencealert.com/the-skull-of-an-ancient-snake-with-rear-limbs-is-helping-scientists-understand-snake-evolution>

**Activity – STEAM – Science - Biology** [Amazing Animal Adaptations for K-2](#)

### Item #4 – ‘At the White House, mood of grim defiance as House debates Donald Trump impeachment’

Authors: David Jackson and Courtney Subramanian

Source: USA Today

Link: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/12/18/impeachment-trump-aides-defiant-they-brace-historic-vote/2675800001/>

**Video** - [How Does Impeachment Work?](#)

**Item #5– Title: ‘A Woman, a Banana, and a \$120,000 Question about What a Life is Worth’**

**Author: Frances Robles**

**Source: New York Times**

**Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/14/us/art-basel-banana-cancer-florida.html>**

**Activity – Arts – Visual Arts [Pop Art Portraits](#)**

**Item #6– Title: ‘44,000-Year-Old Indonesian Cave Painting is Rewriting the History of Art’**

**Author: Merrit Kennedy**

**Source: NPR**

**Link: <https://www.npr.org/2019/12/11/786760790/44-000-year-old-indonesian-cave-painting-is-rewriting-the-history-of-art>**

**Activity – Arts – Visual Arts [How to Draw Mythical Creatures – Step By Step](#)**