

End Plastic Pollution

Our Planet

Our planet is very special and we must look after it. Everyone has an important role in making sure we keep it clean and safe. We also have a responsibility to look after everything that lives in it including people, plants and animals. However, one huge problem that we have is plastic pollution which is damaging our planet and many animals living on it.

What Is Plastic Pollution?

Plastic pollution is when plastic that has been thrown away ends up in oceans and rivers, on beaches and in the countryside.



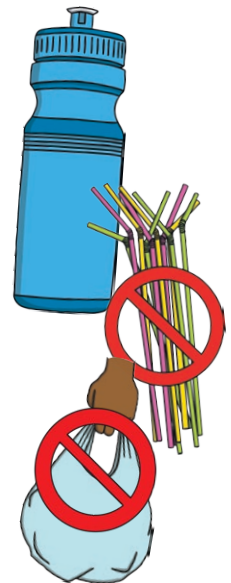
Many things we use every day are made of plastic. Plastic is very cheap and strong so when it is thrown away it lasts a long time and is hard to get rid of.

Lots of plastic ends up in oceans where it traps and harms fish and other sea animals.

What You Can Do

There are lots of things we can all do to help end plastic pollution.

- Reuse a water bottle instead of buying a new one.
- Don't use plastic straws for drinks.
- Carry shopping in fabric bags, not plastic bags.
- Talk to your family about buying things that are made of other materials, not plastic.
- Talk to your head teacher or school council about how your school can use less plastic.



Did You Know...?

- The amount of plastic that humans use every year weighs the same as 30 million elephants!
- By the year 2050, there could be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish!

Questions

1. Whose responsibility is it to look after the earth and everything in it?
Tick one.

- ☐ adults
- ☐ children
- ☐ everyone
- ☐ people who live near the sea

2. Draw lines to match these sentences.

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3. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen.

- ☐ Plastic ends up in oceans and rivers.
- ☐ People use plastic and throw it away.
- ☐ Plastic traps and harms fish and other sea animals.

4. Find and copy one word that describes plastic.

5. Find and copy one thing you can do to help end plastic pollution.
