

# Plastics and the Environment



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# What Is Good about Plastic?

Plastic is so useful!



It keeps things airtight, which is great for keeping food fresh.



It keeps things watertight, so nothing leaks out.



It can be shaped and moulded into lots of different things from chairs to cars and pens to carpet tiles.

Discuss it

Can you think of any other good things about plastic?

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# Problems with Plastic

Plastic is harmful to all living things.

The way plastic is made releases harmful gases into the air.

Plastic lasts for a very long time. It can not [decompose](#) like vegetables, fruit or meat.

If it is burnt, it releases harmful gases into the air and causes air [pollution](#).

It is usually buried in huge [landfill sites](#). This means we don't see it, but it is still there and can last for many hundreds of years.



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# The Biggest Problem with Plastic

The biggest problem with unwanted plastic is the [pollution](#) and damage it does to the environment.

Plastic breaks into tiny pieces which then get blown around by the wind and the rain.

They end up in our streams, rivers and the seas.

Plastic is [toxic](#) for the world's water and land, causing harm to the fish, animals and birds.



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These [microbeads](#) are easily eaten by fish and other sea animals. It can make them very ill or even kill them.

They can make us ill if we eat the fish.

**Discuss it!**

Talk to the person beside you about your thoughts.



# All Living Things



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Think about it

What do you think about these pictures?

All living things should be able to live free from pollution and harm from plastics. So, what can we do?



# Make Your Choice

Look at these two pictures. Which do you think is the right thing to use, to help the environment?



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Instead of using lots of water bottles and throwing them away, buy a reusable water bottle. It is cheaper too!



# Make Your Choice

Look at these two pictures. Which do you think is the right bag to use, to help the environment?



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Instead of using thin plastic carrier bags and throwing them away, buy a bag for life and keep using it. It's cheaper too!



# Make Your Choice

Look at these two pictures. Which do you think is the right to do, to help the environment?



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Instead of throwing plastic away, recycle it in the proper places.



# You Can Make a Difference

We can all help to clean up the planet, by making small changes.

You can make a difference just by making different choices.



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Let's all work together to make the earth a healthier and cleaner place for everything.