

Ocean Garbage - Listening Activity

1. Listen to the audio.
2. After you listen, write the missing words in the blanks.

OCEAN GARBAGE

1. Many people think of oceans as beautiful and clean bodies of water. Unfortunately, oceans are full of _____. In fact, there are 8 million metric tons of plastic in the oceans today. Much of this trash is _____ down on the seafloor, where it is difficult to clean up.
2. Some of the garbage floats on or close to the surface. Ocean _____ cause the trash to collect and form huge garbage _____. There are five enormous garbage patches in the world's oceans. The biggest one is called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It contains about 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic.
3. Plastic breaks down into tiny _____ called microplastics. Microplastics are full of dangerous chemicals. When sea creatures eat these microplastics, they can become sick and die. Microplastics are also _____ to humans who eat seafood.
4. Ocean garbage reduces the amount of _____ that reaches the ocean floor. This is a big problem for _____ like algae and plankton that depend on sunlight to survive.
5. Did you know that 80% of the plastic _____ in the ocean comes from just 20 countries? The top polluters are China, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Egypt, Brazil, and the United States are also on the _____.