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Criteria	Performance
Applies different reading comprehension strategies such as skimming and scanning in a variety of texts.	

Making Predictions, Making Connections, Questioning

1. Skim the text and write the keywords in the rectangle below.

Plastic Pollution

What do you know about plastic pollution?

The amount of plastic on our planet is increasing and it is damaging the environment, wildlife and our health. Large amounts of plastic rubbish are thrown away every year and this ends up on land and in oceans.

Look at the image. Does it give you any idea of the text?

History of Plastic

Plastic is a useful resource. It is lightweight, flexible and can be molded into any shape. Look around you and you will see plastic products being used every day. Plastic is used to make food containers, bins, toys, syringes and hundreds of other items. Plastic bags were first used in supermarkets in the 1960s and are used worldwide by many supermarkets and shops.

Uses of Plastic

Plastic can be useful. It is used to make all sorts of everyday items such as food containers and toys. Look around you and you will see many things which are made of plastic.

Think about the dangers of plastic. Can you provide 2 dangers?

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Dangers of Plastic

Although Plastic can be useful, it can also be dangerous. Plastic is made of oil and chemicals. Plastics that are left in landfills or in our oceans give out these harmful chemicals. This can then damage the environment and the wildlife that lives in it.

Animals and marine creatures can become trapped in plastic objects which then make it hard for them to move, eat or even breathe.

Humans are affected by plastic pollution too. Plastic is found in our drinking water. Even food that we eat may have plastic chemicals in. We do not know exactly how plastic affects humans but scientists believe that it is not good for our health.

Do you consider plastic pollution is a global issue? Why?

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle

There are lots of things that we can all do to help end plastic pollution. We need to reduce the amount of plastic that we use. We need to reuse plastic items that we already have. And finally, we need to recycle plastic instead of throwing it in the normal bin.

Have you ever used 3R in your life? Can you mention the situations?

Do you think plastic pollution is against sustainable development? Why?

How can we connect this text with our "sustainable development" project?