

Text: Environment and Plastic Waste

Plastic has become one of the most widely used materials in the world. It is cheap, light, and easy to produce. However, plastic waste is now a global problem. Every year, millions of tons of plastic end up in the oceans, harming marine life. Animals such as turtles and fish often mistake plastic for food, which can be deadly.

Another issue is that plastic takes hundreds of years to break down. This means that once it is produced, it stays in the environment for a very long time. Governments and organizations are trying to reduce plastic use by banning single-use items like straws and plastic bags.

On the positive side, recycling programs can help. If people recycle more, less plastic will end up in landfills and oceans. But recycling alone is not enough—we also need to change our habits and use alternatives such as reusable bottles and cloth bags.

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with one or two words from the text.

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1. Plastic is cheap, light, and easy to _____. a) recycle b) produce c) ban
2. Millions of tons of plastic end up in the _____ every year. a) oceans b) landfills c) rivers
3. Plastic takes hundreds of years to _____. a) recycle b) break down c) produce
4. Governments are banning single-use items such as straws and _____. a) bottles b) bags c) cloth
5. Using _____ bottles and cloth bags can help reduce plastic waste. a) reusable b) plastic c) single-use

Exercise 2: Read the text again. Choose T (true) or F (false). _____ / 5

1. Plastic waste is described as a global problem. T / F
2. Marine animals sometimes eat plastic because they think it is food. T / F
3. Plastic disappears quickly after being produced. T / F
4. Recycling is presented as the only solution to plastic waste. T / F
5. The text suggests changing habits to reduce plastic use. T / F