

READING 2 (Items 5–10)**(6 marks)***Read the text. Then complete the task.*

Plastic bags are one of the most dangerous things to our environment. Believe it or not, these bags cause many problems to the environment and to the health of people. Firstly, plastic bags pollute the environment. Forests, rivers, lakes, and oceans are polluted all over the world. Wind carries these bags everywhere. We are destroying our own planet and most people don't even know the harmful effects of these bags. Secondly, these bags kill our wildlife. They kill sea animals and other living animals in the world. They also increase the number of animals which are being endangered, or even extinct.

Burning these bags will not help either; it will only make things worse. When these bags are burned, it releases toxic gases into the soil and the air.

You may be asking, "What can I do to help?" Try switching to paper bags instead of plastic ones when you go shopping. Paper bags are much better for the environment, and can be recycled more easily. If you are an animal lover, these actions that you could be taking would be saving lots of animals around the world.

For each item, shade in the bubble next to the correct option.

1. Plastic bags are _____ to our health.
 safe useful harmful

2. Plastic bags are carried by _____ from a place to another.
 wind soil water

3. The harmful effect of plastic bags is that they increase the number of _____.
 healthy animals endangered animals wild animals

4. It is not good to _____ plastic bags because they produce gases.
 burn recycle throw

5. To save animals, you should use _____ bags.
 nylon paper plastic