

UNIT 1 Let's Recycle!

PBD Reading

Read the news report below.



Video

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 – Plastic waste, instead of decreasing in demand, is on the rise owing to Covid-19. It is threatening to derail the country's fledgling environmental efforts. From medical masks, takeaway plastic food containers to zip ties, experts have reported seeing an increase in plastic waste. After stay-at-home advisories became effective, people have steadily moved their lives online and are getting mostly everything delivered. The use of plastic packaging has predictably surged, especially in the food delivery category as merchants seek to keep costs down while ensuring food safety. 'Just looking at the change of behaviour and practice during Covid (pandemic), you can already see that plastic waste will increase,' said Waste Management Systems Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk Mizan Yahya. Plastic waste usually comprises slightly more than 13 per cent of all municipal solid waste in Malaysia. Plastic lasts forever in the environment; not degrading after it has outlived its usefulness. To put it into context, we are living with plastic trash manufactured at the turn of the last century. An Arizona State University study on human organs released in August confirmed microplastics are in our bodies and studies have also found plastic in animals. When the movement control order (MCO) was announced in March, many businesses in the food and beverage industry realised it meant higher plastic use and therefore more plastic waste. Some took steps, such as limiting the use of plastic products when serving their customers by using cardboard takeaway containers instead of plastic and asking diners to forego plastic cutlery.

Adapted: <https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/12/07/covid-19-threatens-to-derail-malaysias-plastic-reduction-efforts-say-expert/1929476>

A. Use words from the reading text to complete the sentences. LS: 3.1.3

- 1 The increase of plastic waste during the pandemic is _____ Malaysia's promising start to reduce it.
- 2 Plastic is durable and does not break down easily even when it has _____
- 3 Efforts are made by the food and beverage industry to reduce plastic use. Provide evidence from the text that shows this.

(a) _____
 (b) _____

B. Find words in the news report that mean the following. LS: 3.1.3

HOTS Analysis

1 To obstruct the progress of something by diverting it from its intended course	_____
2 To establish the truth or indicate correctness of something	_____



Pendidikan Sivik

Core Value: Responsibility

Students get into groups to create an action plan to reduce energy use at home. Students may present their work via power point.