



A PLASTIC OCEAN

Preparation



Match the vocabulary with the correct definition.



Write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

- 1..... a crisis
- 2..... to degrade
- 3..... a landfill site
- 4..... to dump
- 5..... to endure
- 6..... a free diver
- 7..... a fraction of something
- 8..... pristine

- a. an area where waste is buried under the ground
- b. a small part of something
- c. a difficult or dangerous situation that needs urgent attention
- d. a diver who holds their breath under water
- e. in perfect condition
- f. to get rid of something quickly without worrying about it
- g. to suffer
- h. to break down into smaller substances

Watch the trailer and answer the multiple choice questions afterwards



1. When did the first narrator start following blue whales?

- a. When he was a teenager
- b. When he was a child
- c. When he was an adult

2. How many tons of plastic are dumped into the oceans every year?

- a. 8 million
- b. 5 million
- c. 9 million

3. What does the narrator do for a living?

- a. He's a TV presenter.
- b. He's a diver.
- c. He's a journalist.

4. How does the free diver feel about her work helping to clean the oceans?

- a. That more people should do it
- b. That it's her way to pay back the ocean for all the pleasure it has given her
- c. That it's an impossible job

5. Why is the plastic in the ocean never going to degrade?

- a. Because it has nowhere to go
- b. Because there is too much of it
- c. Because more and more is being dumped daily

6. How many pieces of plastic were found in a ninety-day-old chick?

- a. 256
- b. 266
- c. 276

7. What has been built on the landfill sites?

- a. Beaches – including resorts for tourists
- b. Factories – including plastic bottle factories
- c. Communities – including their food production

8. What does the main narrator believe is possible?

- a. He believes change is possible and it starts with us.
- b. He believes change is possible if we stop buying plastic bottles.
- c. He believes change is possible if we stop throwing bottles in the ocean.