

In praise of plastic

Whenever you are, you're likely to be surrounded by objects made of some kind of plastic material. There are many types of plastic, each one (1)..... (SUIT) for a particular use. Thin, flexible plastic is good for making objects such as bags, whereas thick, hard plastic is a (2)..... (USE) material for making functional objects, and has been used to make very (3)..... (ATTRACT) pieces of furniture.

Although plastic has a (4)..... (REPUTE) for being cheap and disposable, in the hands of a good (5)..... (DESIGN), it can be used to make objects of great beauty. As well as offering (6) (EXTREME) high quality at a low price, plastic can take almost any shape, colour or consistency.

Plastic can also be seen as an environmentally friendly (7) (CHOOSE) of material. It can be used in place of wood and other materials that are in short supply in their (8)..... (NATURE) state, and it is also very hard-wearing. A good plastic chair, for example, could last you a lifetime and when you no longer wanted it, then it would probably be possible to (9)..... (CYCLE) the material.