

In 1992, a ship travelling from China to the US _____ by a storm in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Its cargo of containers was washed overboard and at least one of them split open. The container _____ around 29,000 yellow plastic ducks as well as plastic frogs and turtles. The toys floated out into the water and _____ across the oceans ever since. It isn't unusual for things from ships to get lost in the sea. Every year, as many as 10,000 containers fall into the ocean, spilling out everything from sports shoes to plastic bricks. These objects have already done harm to both our seas and our wildlife, and if the accidents don't stop, the situation _____ worse.

Blue jeans as we know them originated during the 1849 California Gold Rush. They _____ by German storekeeper Levi Strauss and Latvian tailor Jacob Davis. Levi Strauss never wore a pair of jeans himself - he was a wealthy businessman, and jeans were only worn by manual workers and cowboys. But then their popularity _____ after the Second World War. Young people started wearing jeans to imitate young Hollywood stars. However, they were associated with rebellious behaviour and were banned in schools. So each time you wear jeans, you're actually wearing 100 years of style history! Moreover, they _____ basically the same since they were first designed. The secret to their long life? They are comfortable, easy to wear and _____ you a little confidence.