

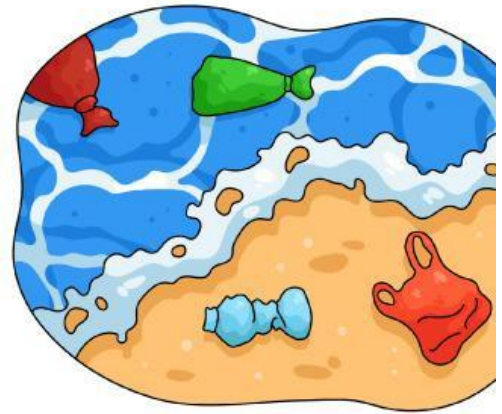
READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

THE SEA: A PROBLEM WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE. OCEAN POLLUTION

Ocean pollution is one of the most serious environmental problems in the world. Every year, millions of tons of plastic, chemicals, and other waste enter the oceans. Plastic bottles, bags, and fishing nets can harm marine animals because they may eat them or become trapped in them.

Pollution also affects coral reefs and other marine ecosystems. Chemicals from factories and agriculture can enter rivers and eventually reach the sea. These substances can reduce water quality and damage marine life.

Reducing ocean pollution requires action from governments, companies, and individuals. People can help by using less plastic, recycling, and avoiding throwing waste into rivers or beaches. Small changes in our daily habits can contribute to protecting the oceans and the animals that depend on them.



Read the text, then read the sentences and decide if they are true or false.

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| 1. Millions of tons of waste enter the oceans every year. | True | False |
| 2. Plastic pollution only affects humans. | True | False |
| 3. Chemicals from agriculture can eventually reach the sea. | True | False |
| 4. Only governments are responsible for reducing ocean pollution. | True | False |
| 5. Recycling can help protect the oceans. | True | False |

Answer the following questions using information from the text

1. What are some types of waste that enter the oceans? _____
2. How can plastic harm marine animals? _____
3. How can chemicals from agriculture affect the ocean? _____
4. What actions can individuals take to reduce ocean pollution? _____
5. Why is it important to protect marine ecosystems? _____