READING

Grammar Practice

An Ocean of Garbage

- ***Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.***

With so many factories that make disposable toothbrushes, pens, cans, bottles and wrappings, garbage **(1)**_____ a very big problem in our world today. You may think that garbage is everywhere. Well, **(2)**_____ right. It is everywhere! A good (and scary) example of this is the 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch'. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch **(3)**_____ first discovered by scientists **(4)**_____ the 1980s. It is an area of floating garbage in the Pacific Ocean that is about the same size as Texas. **(5)**_____ are many kinds of garbage in the Garbage Patch, but plastic bottles and bags, and other things made of plastic cause **(6)**_____ problem. 'What's the problem?' you may **(7)**_____. First, plastic bottles and bags may take hundreds or maybe even thousands of years to break down. Second, plastic is made from chemicals. As the plastics break down over time, chemicals enter the water – and enter the fish **(8)**_____ live in the water. **(9)**_____ chemicals can make the fish sick, and they can also make the people **(10)**_____ eat the fish sick. So … what can we do? There are many things we can do! We can clean **(11)**_____ our oceans, we can stop making so many things from plastic, and we can recycle more. The important thing is to do **(12)**_____!

1.
(A) is
(B) are
(C) were

2.
(A) your
(B) you're
(C) yours

3.
(A) was
(B) is
(C) were

4.
(A) at
(B) on
(C) in

5.
(A) They're
(B) Their
(C) There

6.
(A) biggest
(B) the biggest
(C) bigger

7.
(A) ask
(B) asked
(C) asks

8.
(A) that
(B) who
(C) where

9.
(A) That
(B) This
(C) These

10.
(A) what
(B) who
(C) where

11.
(A) down
(B) over
(C) up

12.
(A) somewhere
(B) something
(C) someone