

Let's Practice

Read and choose:

1

Every day we **throw** a lot of plastic **into** our bins. This is a problem because plastic **does not change**. This means that it uses a lot of space **if** we don't reuse it or recycle it. Did you know that **half** of the **rubbish** on our beaches is **made** of plastic?



2

Making plastic also uses a **lot** of oil. We need to **use** oil for two things. **First** we **use** it as the **basic material** for plastic and **second** we **use** oil **for** energy to **make** the plastic. Because of this it is important to try to recycle different plastics. What do you **recycle**?



3

Celluloid was one of the **first** plastics. It is made **from** cotton (the **material** which jeans are made **of**) and two other materials. People **use** celluloid to **make** films.



Another **important** plastic is **nylon** which people **use** in lots of different **kinds** of clothes. The word **nylon** comes **from** the names of two cities, **New York** and **London**.

Today the **plastic** which we **use** most is called **polyethylene**. We **use** it for **bottles** and **boxes**.

4

We **use** plastic **for** almost everything. Think about what is around you and what you **use** every day. How many plastic things can you think of?



Why do we need oil?

What do we use plastic for?

What happens to plastic when we throw it away?

What are some of the different plastics?

Read and choose true or false.

Recycling can't take the colours from plastics, so we can't use them for transparent containers.

When you put plastic bottles in recycling banks, or even in your bin, always take the bottle top off. If you take the top off, it is easier to make them smaller.

Every year in the United Kingdom, supermarkets give out 17,500,000,000 plastic bags. That is over 290 for every person in the UK.

A lot of things are made from recycled plastic. These include polyethylene bags to put in bins, PVC floors and windows, video and CD boxes, furniture and waterproof clothes.

1 Take the top off bottles when you recycle them.

True

False

2 We use recycled plastic for bin bags.

True

False

3 Recycling takes the colours from the plastic.

True

False

4 In the United Kingdom, supermarkets give out 17.5 million plastic bags a year.

True

False

5 PVC windows can be made of recycled plastic.

True

False

6 Supermarkets give people 50 bags a year.

True

False