Vocabulary Lesson 1/2: Magazine Article

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

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Marine mammals such as sea otters can become sick because of pollution.
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Pollution

Find out how pollution from plastic, light, oil, and other trash affects Earth.

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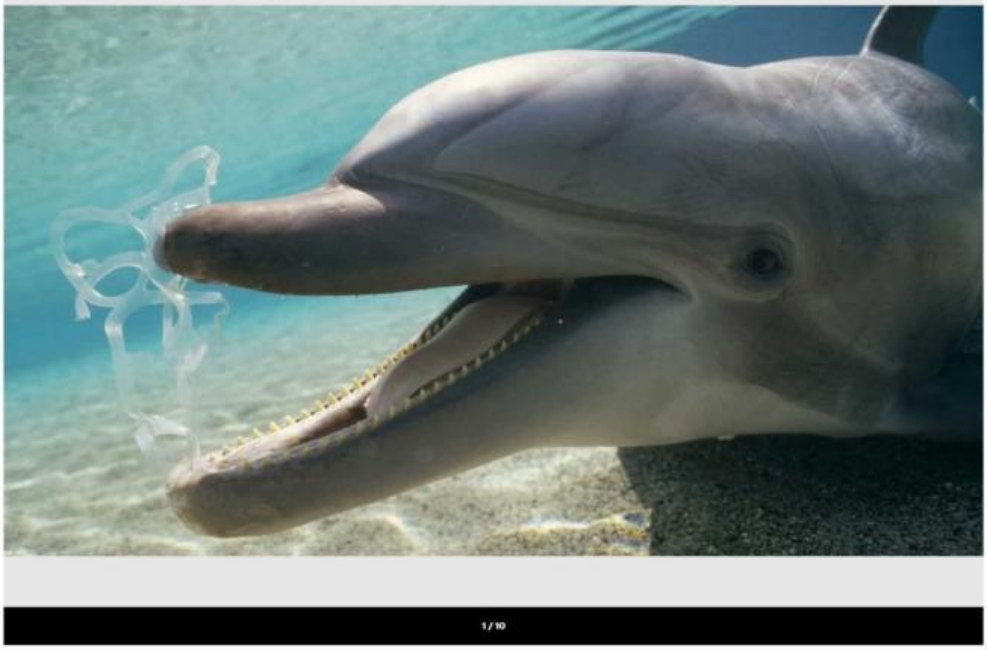
A LITTLE POLLUTION = BIG PROBLEMS

Plastic pollution is different from paper or food waste because it never fully decomposes, or breaks down into pieces that can be reused by nature. Instead, plastic often ends up in water, where it releases toxic chemicals and can be mistaken for food.



A bottlenose dolphin plays with a plastic six-pack ring.
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Plastic trash isn't the Earth's only pollution problem. Oil accidentally spilling into the sea, agriculture products like fertilizers and pesticides seeping into the soil, and even excess noise and light can pollute the environment.

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The extract of the article above is from the National Geographic Kids website. It tells us about pollution that affects the environment.

1. Which planet do you and I live on?
2. Fill in the blank: The sea and soil are a part of the _____ that is all around us.
3. Why is plastic pollution different from paper or food waste?
4. The word 'abundance' is a synonym for which word in paragraph 2?
5. What part of speech is the word 'toxic'?
6. What part of speech is the word 'pollute'?
7. Plastic is a big issue. But there are other pollutants that cause harm to Earth, tick the answers that are harmful to the environment:
   oil spills fertilizers paper pesticides
8. What part of speech is the word 'agriculture'?
9. Are toxic chemicals good or bad for the environment?
10. What is the adverb form of the word 'full'?
11. What is the adverb form of the word 'accident'?
12. Nkosi is someone who works on a farm, he grows crops and tends to farm animals. What sector does he work in?
13. Fill in the blank: Siya has eaten a lot of food and is very full. He cannot eat another bite. He is feeling full because he has had an _____ (too much) of food.
14. Fill in the blank: Nkosi has had bad takeout and has food poisoning. He is feeling sick. "This takeout is _____ (poisonous)!" he shouts

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