

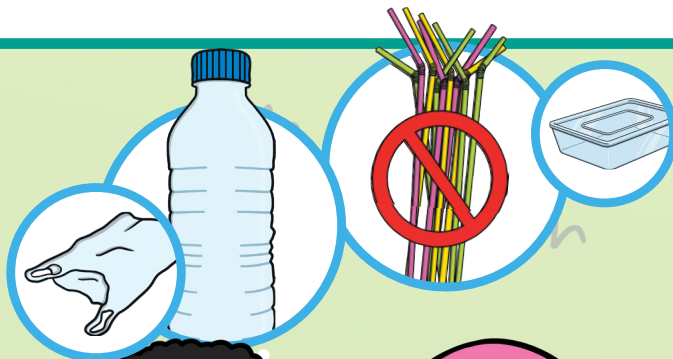
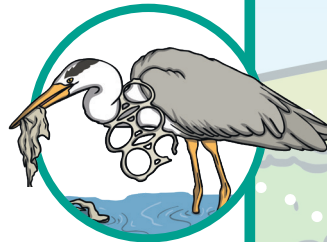
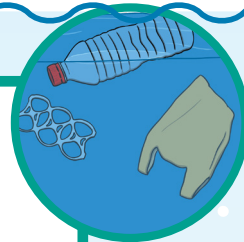
Earth Day 2024: Planet vs. Plastics

Earth Day is on 22nd April every year. Earth Day 2024 is called 'Planet vs. Plastics'. This means that everyone should stop using plastic to help the Earth.



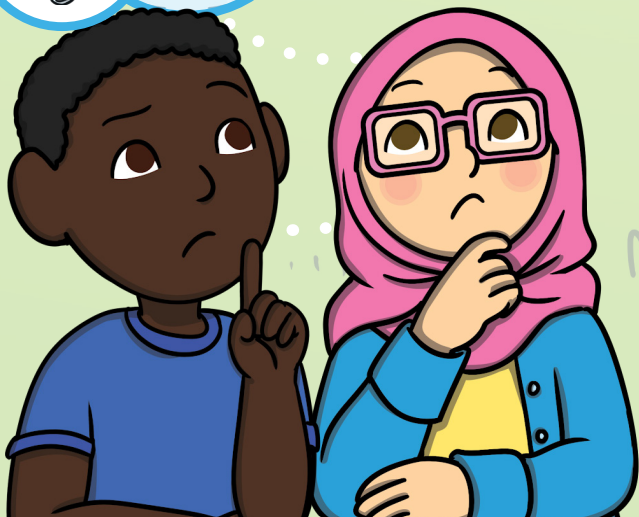
Why Do We Need to Help Our Planet?

- Plastic is made of lots of tiny parts. The parts go into the air, the soil and the water when plastic rots.
- Plastic can take hundreds of years to rot away.
- Many plastic items end up in the sea. This can harm animals.



There are lots of ways to help our planet.

- Put plastic in a recycling bin.
- Use plastic things more than one time.
- Choose things that are not made from plastic.
- Make new things from plastic.
- Have a go at litter picking.



Questions

1. **Plastic is made of lots of tiny** _____. Tick one

- ☐ parts
- ☐ cups
- ☐ holes

2. When is Earth Day? Tick one.

- ☐ 22nd January
- ☐ 22nd April
- ☐ 22nd May

3. How long does plastic take to rot? Tick one.

- ☐ hundreds of days
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- ☐ hundreds of years

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'Planet vs. Plastics' is the theme for Earth Day 2024. This means that everyone should work together to try to stop using plastic.



Why Do We Need to Help Our Planet?

Invisible Plastic

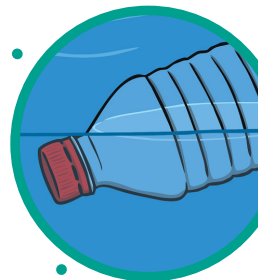
Plastic breaks down into thousands of tiny parts. They can be found in the air, the soil and in the water all over the world.

Too Much Plastic

Plastic can take hundreds of years to break down and so builds up over time, creating pollution. New plastic is still being made.

Plastic Ocean

Lots of plastic waste makes its way to the sea and can harm animals. It can come from litter, be spilled by ships or washed down drains.



How Can We Help Our Planet?

Recycle Plastic

Put plastic into a recycling bin so it can be made into something new. Always put any litter into a bin to stop it ending up in the wrong places.

Reduce and Reuse

We can use less plastic. We can reuse plastic bags and bottles instead of throwing them away.

Research Products

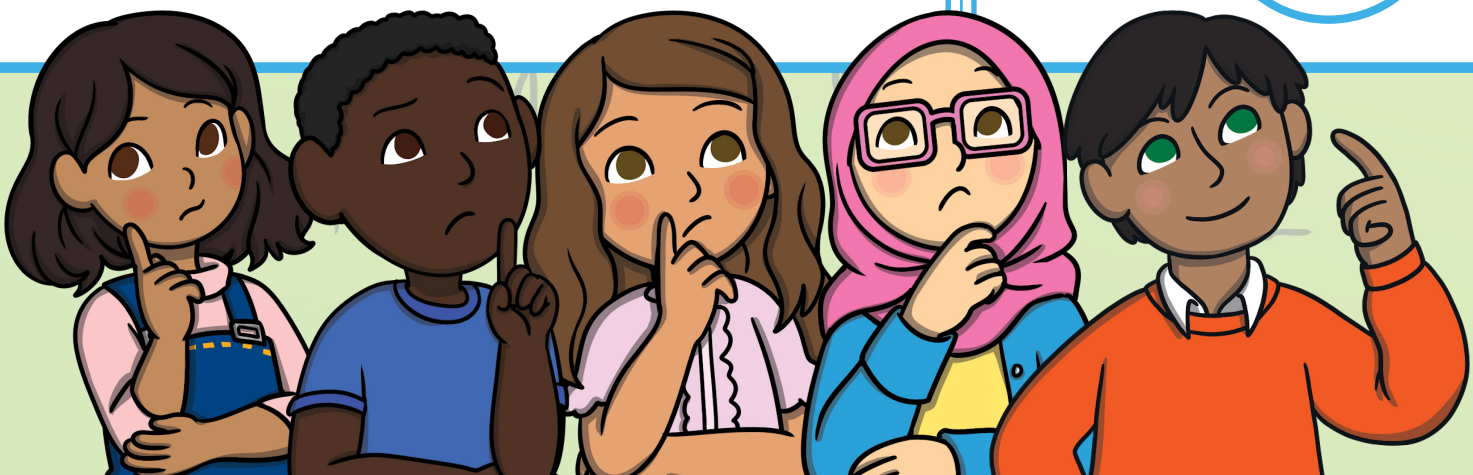
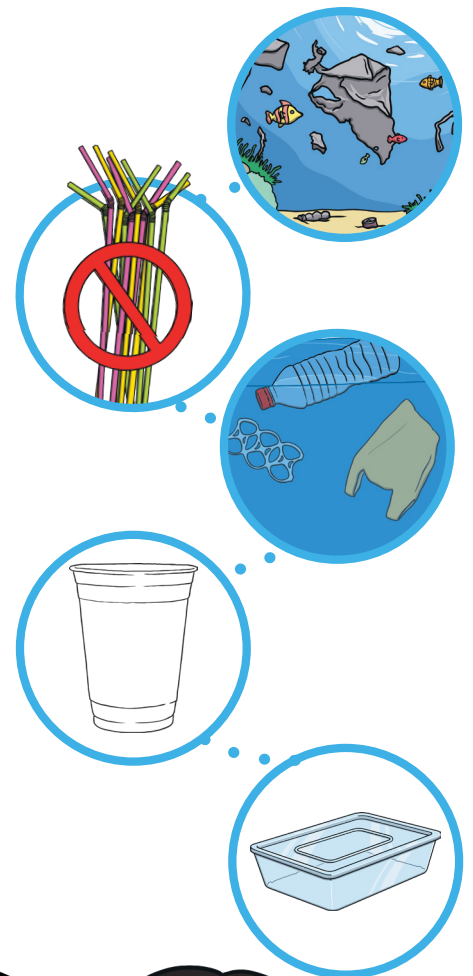
We can check where products we buy have come from and how they have been made. We can then choose to buy things that have been made without using plastic.

Spread the Word

We can tell people what we can all do about plastics.

Did You Know...?

It takes lots of water to make plastic so using less helps save water too.



Questions

1. What is the theme for Earth Day 2024? Tick one.

- ☐ Invest in Our Planet
- ☐ Look After Animals
- ☐ Planet vs. Plastics

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

Where can tiny parts
of plastic be found?

in a recycling bin

How does plastic
waste enter the sea?

in the air,
soil and water

Where can you
put used plastic to
help make it into
something new?

dropped as litter,
spilled by ships or
washed down drains

3. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

- ☐ Plastic breaks down into thousands of tiny parts.
- ☐ 'Planet vs. Plastics' is the theme for Earth Day 2024.
- ☐ We can use less plastic.

4. Fill in the missing word.

We can _____ plastic bags and bottles instead of throwing them away.

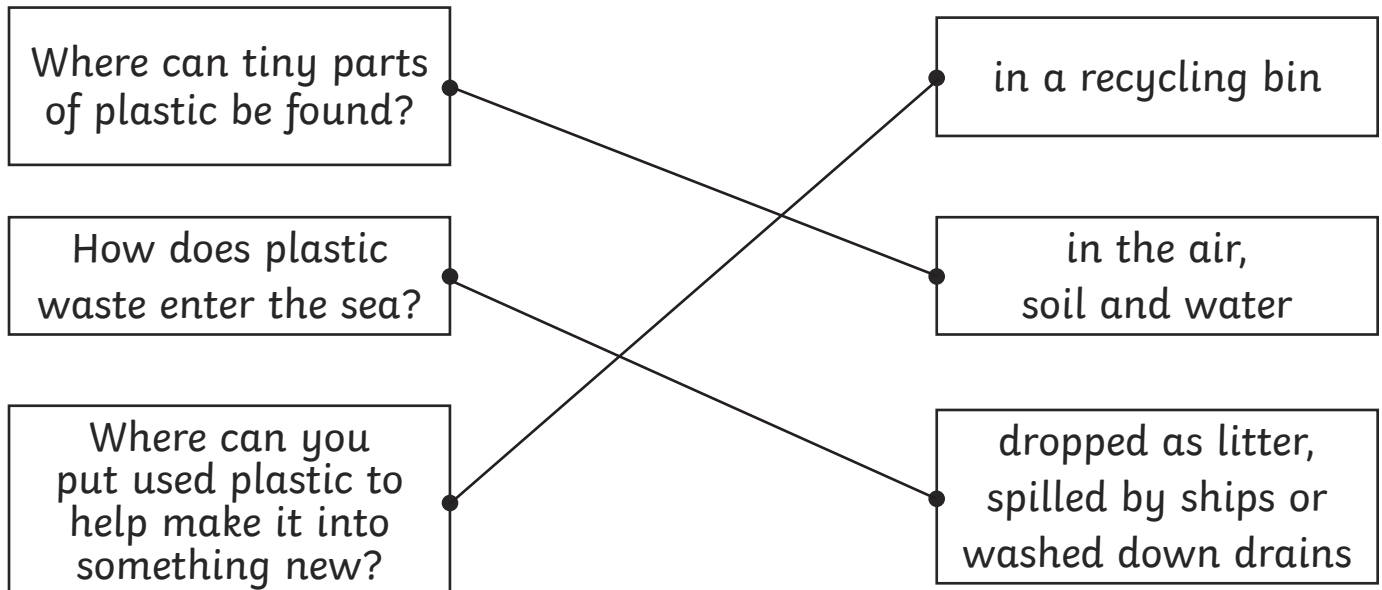
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waste

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Why Do We Need to Invest in Our Planet?

Invisible Plastic

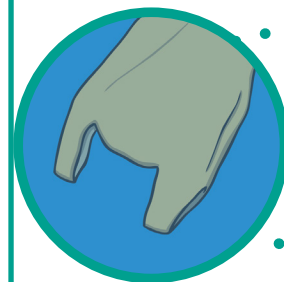
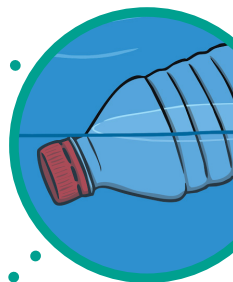
Plastic breaks down into thousands of tiny parts called microplastics after a long time. The microplastics are so small that they can be found in the air, the soil and in the water all over the world even though they can't be seen.

Too Much Plastic

Plastic can take hundreds of years to break down and so builds up over time, creating **pollution**. New plastic is still being made. Over 1 million plastic bags every minute and over 300 drinks bottles per person were made last year.

Plastic Ocean

Plastic enters the environment in lots of ways. It can come from litter, be spilled by ships or washed down drains. A lot of plastic ends up in the sea. It can be harmful to animals as they can get entangled in it or mistake it for food.



How Can We Help Our Planet?

Recycle Plastic

Put plastic into a recycling bin so that it can be made into something new. Most places have a recycling scheme but there are lots of types of plastic that can't be recycled.

Reduce and Reuse

We can use less plastic by reusing plastic bags and bottles instead of throwing them away.

Plastic items can easily be reused for different reasons too. Some people make artwork, flower pots and hair accessories from reused plastic.

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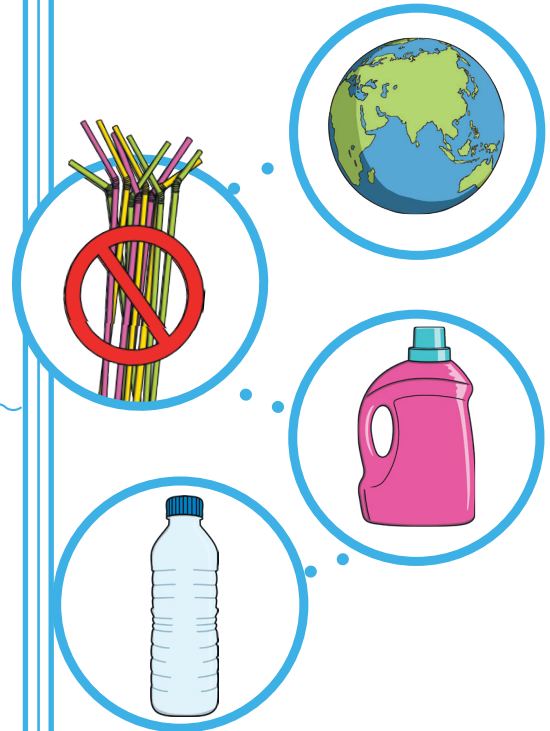
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Spread the Word

We can tell people how they can help stop plastic pollution.

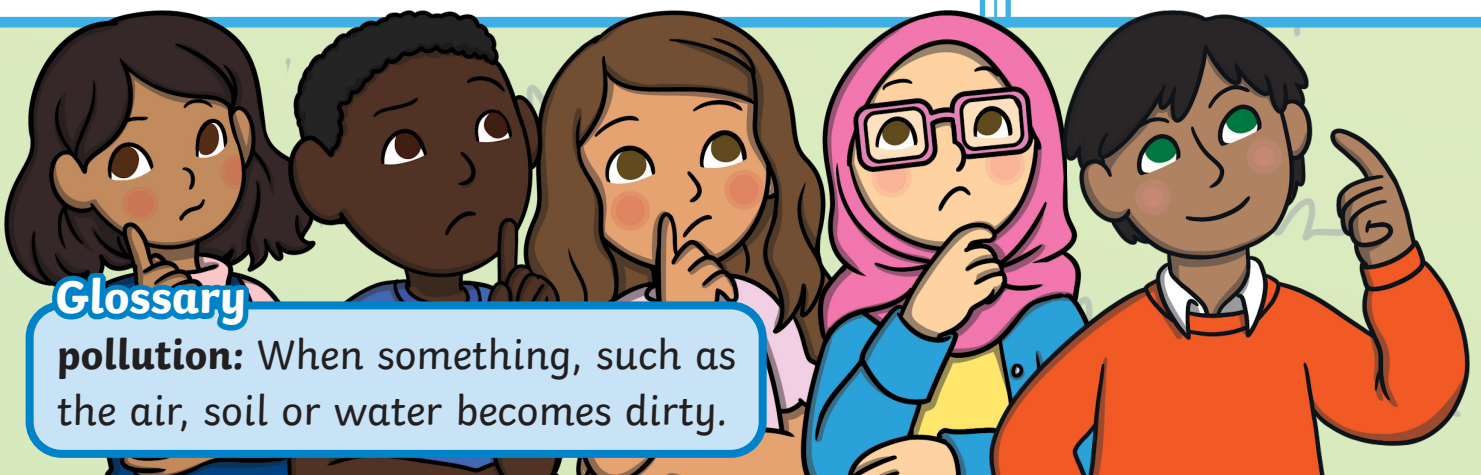
Did You Know...?

It takes six bottles of water to make one plastic water bottle. Using less plastic helps to save water too!



Did You Know...?

One reusable bag can stop the use of 600 plastic bags.



Glossary

pollution: When something, such as the air, soil or water becomes dirty.

Questions

1. Which facts about Earth Day 2024 are true? Tick **two**.

- ☐ It happens on 22nd April.
- ☐ It only happens this year.
- ☐ The theme for 2024 is 'Planet vs. Plastics'.
- ☐ It's a day when people try to keep fit.

2. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ A lot of plastic ends up in the sea.
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- ☒ 1 This means that everyone should work together to try to stop using plastic.
- ☐ Plastic items can easily be reused for different reasons too.

3. Find and copy one word that means 'can be used again'.

4. Fill in the missing word.

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reusable

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5. Why does plastic cause pollution?

Plastic causes pollution because it takes hundreds of years to break down and so it builds up over time.

6. Why do you think that the sub-heading **Invisible Plastic** is used?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the sub-heading 'Invisible Plastic' is used because that section of the text says that microplastics are so small that they can't be seen in the water, the soil and the air.