

Commotion in the ocean!

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Facts:

- Plastic pollution can now be found on every beach in the world, from busy tourist beaches to uninhabited, tropical islands nowhere is safe.
- Every day approximately 8 million pieces of plastic pollution find their way into our oceans.
- Approx 5,000 items of marine plastic pollution have been found per mile of beach in the UK.
- Recent studies have revealed marine plastic pollution in 100% of marine turtles, 59% of whales, 36% of seals and 40% of seabird species examined.
- 100,000 marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds are killed by marine plastic pollution annually.
- Find more information here: <https://www.sas.org.uk/our-work/plastic-pollution/plastic-pollution-facts-figures/>



Plastic in
our oceans
kills and
hurts
wildlife.

Read the information sheet and answer the questions in your book.

Plastic Pollution

Questions

1. Which of these is not a way that plastic enters the environment? Tick one.

- ☐ by being blown out of bins
- ☐ by being abandoned by humans
- ☐ by being dug up from the ground
- ☐ by being washed down drains

2. Using the infographic to help you, match the percentages to the correct fact.

9%

12%

Existing plastic that has been burned

Existing plastic which has ended up in
landfills or the natural environment.

When we think about plastic, they are lots of everyday items that make life easier: food wrappers, toys, even the pipes that carry water from our homes. In fact, it's so popular in the UK today that we can't imagine life without it.

While plastic makes human life easier, it makes the lives of wildlife much harder. It could be putting the existence of some of our much-loved creatures in danger.



Plastic Waste Facts

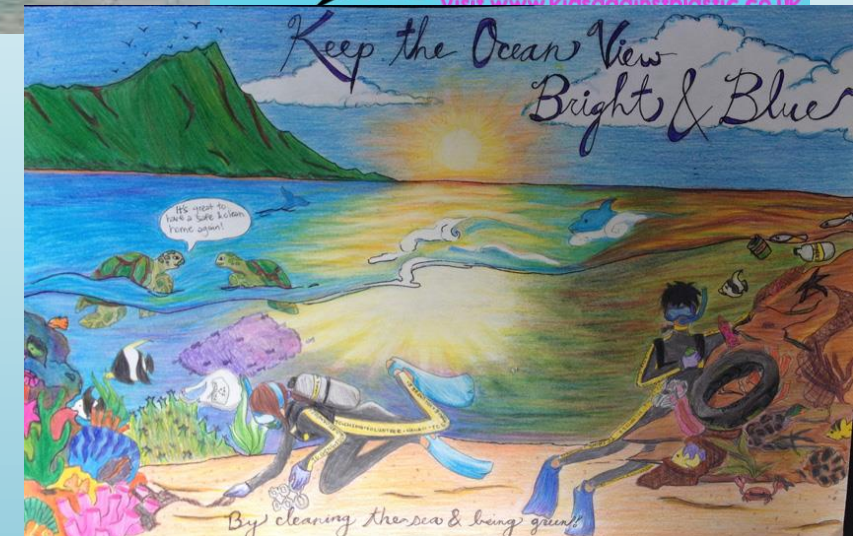
160,000 plastic bags are used around the world every second.



8 out of 10 pieces of plastic made over the last 70 years have been thrown away.



Create a poster to tell people how and why to stop plastic pollution in our oceans.



Re- use recycling to make a sea creature!

