

For Advanced Kids Learners

Book 2

Time to Talk

Lesson 23 The Problem of Plastic



- Answer the questions.

What are these things made of?



- Read and learn

The Problem of Plastic

Plastic was once considered a wonder material. It is cheap, strong, **flexible** and **waterproof**. We have produced around 9 billion tonnes of plastic since the 1950s. All of that exists somewhere on our planet. Plastic has become one of the greatest **pollutants**. The reason is that it never **breaks down**.



flexible

can be bent or twisted

waterproof

not letting water to go in



pollutant

a harmful substance that makes the air, land or water dirty

- **Read and learn**

A lot of plastic we throw away enters the sea. It can cause serious problems for sea creatures. They can eat small pieces of plastic **by mistake**. They may also **get trapped** in larger pieces. Recently, small pieces of plastic have been found in **water supplies** around the world.

by mistake – *by accident, without planning to.*

get trapped – *to have difficulty to get out.*

water supply – *water source, such as sea and lakes.*



- **Read and learn**

Plastic has become one of the biggest problems for the environment. We must find a solution to it. We must all help in many ways:

- We must use less plastic.
- We must reuse plastic.
- We must **recycle** it.
- We must throw it away in the right place.



recycle

to treat things that has already been used so that they can be used again.

- **Read and complete the sentences.**

break down gets trapped by mistake

1. She _____ in a burning building.
2. I'm sorry for taking your umbrella _____.
3. Special plastic can _____ into the soil in a few days.

pollutant flexible water supplies

1. She feels thirsty, so she wants to find some _____.
2. The waste water from factories is a _____ resource.
3. _____ pig hair was used to make toothbrushes.

- Read and answer.

recycle & reuse

1 What is recycling?

Recycling is to treat things that have been already used so that they can be used again. We can recycle newspapers, plastic bottles, glass and clothes.

2 What is reusing?

Reusing is to use things again, but not always in the same way. For example, you can reuse your old clothes and a box to make a home for cats.

3 What will you recycle and reuse?

- **Comprehension check.**

1. Which place is badly polluted by plastic?
2. How does plastic kill the sea creatures?
3. How can we help to solve these problems?

