

# In this unit you will learn about the ban on plastic

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\* Indicates required question

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## The Ban on Plastic

The European Parliament decided in October 2018 to ban<sup>1</sup> single-use<sup>2</sup> plastic products in Europe from 2021 in an attempt to stop plastic pollution<sup>3</sup>. Single use products include things like plastic straws, plates, cups and cutlery<sup>4</sup>. Plastic garbage makes its way into the oceans at an increasing rate and causes terrible damage<sup>5</sup> to the environment<sup>6</sup>. The ocean is home to a large diversity<sup>7</sup> of life, including many animals and plants, and we rely<sup>8</sup> on it for oxygen<sup>9</sup> and food. According to research, plastics make up 70 percent of all marine<sup>10</sup> litter<sup>11</sup>. Europeans are greatly concerned<sup>12</sup> about the impact<sup>13</sup> of plastic waste on their health and the environment.

### What is the damage that plastic causes?

1. Almost every piece of plastic ever made is still on the planet. It is coating our environment like a disease.
2. Plastic gets broken into tiny particles<sup>14</sup> that marine animals eat and die from as a result.
3. Plastic gets into our food cycle and then into our bodies. Plastic is very unhealthy<sup>15</sup> and may cause serious diseases.

### Ways to reduce your plastic use:

1. Carry a shopping bag.
2. Carry a reusable bottle.
3. Stop using plastic straws.
4. Avoid buying foods in packaging.
5. Recycle<sup>16</sup> plastic bottles.
6. Say no to plastic cutlery<sup>4</sup>; use reusable cutlery instead.
7. Give up gum. Gum is made of a synthetic rubber, which is plastic.

### How many plastic products do you use each day? How can you reduce them?

<sup>1</sup> ban לאסור / يمنع

<sup>2</sup> single-use שימוש חד פעמי / الاستعمال احدى

<sup>3</sup> pollution תלوث / זיהום

<sup>4</sup> cutlery סכ"מ / أدوات تناول الطعام

<sup>5</sup> damage נזק / ضرر

<sup>6</sup> environment סביבה / بيئة

<sup>7</sup> diversity גיוון / تنوع

<sup>8</sup> rely לסמוך / يعتمد

<sup>9</sup> oxygen חמצן / أكسجين

<sup>10</sup> marine ימי / بحري

<sup>11</sup> litter זבל / قمامة

<sup>12</sup> concerned מודאגים / مُهتَم

<sup>13</sup> impact השפעה / تأثيرات

<sup>14</sup> particles חלקיקים / جزيئات

<sup>15</sup> unhealthy לא בריא / غير صحي

<sup>16</sup> recycle למחור / إعادة التدوير

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3. 1. The European Parliament decided to ban plastic products that you can use many times. \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- True  
 False

4. 2. The plastic ends up in the sea and causes terrible damage \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- True  
 False

5. 3. We rely on the sea for \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- fish and air  
 food and oxygen  
 water and salt

6. 4. The Europeans are concerned that the pollution in the sea will affect their \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- health  
 environment  
 health and environment  
 It's not clear from the text

7. 5. Almost all the plastic that was ever made is still on the planet. \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- True
- False
- I don't know

8. 6. Plastic particles are dangerous to marine animals because \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- they don't want to touch the plastic.
- they eat them and die.
- they eat them and want more plastic.

9. 7. "Plastic gets into our food cycle and into our bodies" - this can imply that 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- marine animals eat plastic and then people eat them so that's how plastic gets into our food cycle.
- marine animals don't eat the plastic but we eat them.
- there is no connection between marine animals, plastic and food cycle.

10. 8. We can infer (להסיק) that reducing plastic use and recycling will \* 15 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- save the environment but not help us become healthier.
- not affect the environment.
- save the environment and help us become healthier.

11. 9. List the plastic products that you generally use in one day. How many plastic products did you list? Suggest ways you could reduce them. This is a bonus question :)

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Talk about it

Use Vocaroo <https://vocaroo.com/> to record your answers to the following questions.

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1. Describe what you have watched. How did you feel after watching this video clip?
2. Do you often see plastic thrown away? Where?
3. What can we do to solve this situation?

Send your answers to your teacher.

## Turning Plastic Waste into Art

Watch this clip and answer the questions

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/turning-plastic-waste-art>

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