

Plastic in the ocean: What can we do?

Task 1

Read the story and choose the best title.

1. A day at the beach
2. A long journey
3. A story about sea animals

Task 2

Complete the sentences (1–8) with the words (a–h).

Sentences

1. You should put your rubbish in the ____.
2. When the ____ blows, rubbish can move from one place to another.
3. A ____ is a covered hole at the side of the road that water can go down.
4. A ____ is a long, round tube that carries water.
5. A ____ takes water from the land into the sea.
6. Sea animals sometimes get ____ in plastic rubbish and can't get out.
7. Plastic can ____ fish. They can get ill or die if they eat it.
8. An ocean garbage ____ is a big island of floating rubbish.

Words

- a) river
- b) patch
- c) bin
- d) caught
- e) wind
- f) drain
- g) harm
- h) pipe

Task 3

Put the story events (a–f) in the order they happened (1–6).

| Order | Events |
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| 1. | a) The bag goes through dark pipes and comes out in a river. |
| 2. | b) The bag arrives in an ocean garbage patch with lots of other plastic rubbish. |
| 3. | |
| 4. | c) The wind blows the bag out of the bin, onto the street. |
| 5. | d) The bag goes along the river and into the ocean. |
| 6. | e) A turtle tries to eat the bag. |
| | f) Rainwater takes the bag down a drain and into a pipe. |

Task 4

What do you think? Tell your partner.

1. Why is there so much plastic rubbish in our oceans?
2. Why is plastic in oceans a problem for animals?
3. How could it be a problem for people?

Task 5

Write in the fish and complete the sentence: 'The story made me feel _____ because ...'

