

Answers

1. The biggest problem with unwanted plastic is the pollution and damage it causes to the environment. What does **pollution** mean? Tick one.
 - something harmless or poisonous
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2. What are the effects of plastic pollution? Tick one.
 - poisoning and injuring sea life
 - littering beaches and landscapes
 - making humans and animals ill
 - all of the above**
3. How much is the new plastic bottle tax?
The new plastic bottle tax is up to 22p.
4. Name three things that your school could do to help end plastic pollution.
Accept any three of the following: avoid single-use plastics; choose to use alternatives such as: wooden rulers and clipboards, bins and baskets made from natural materials and refillable dry-erase pens; use glass, crockery and metal cutlery; (encourage pupils to) refill and reuse water bottles.
5. Find and copy a word or phrase from the text which shows that **the amount of plastic is growing quickly.**
increasing exponentially
6. Why is it important to talk to your family and school council or head teacher about plastic pollution?
Pupils' own responses, such as: You can't stop plastic pollution alone, so it is important to get other people onboard by making them aware of the problem and the ways in which they can help to solve it.
7. Summarise what you have read in the third paragraph in 30 words or less.
Accept any reasonable summary, such as: Plastic is cheap and easy to make, so humans use lots of it before discarding it. However, it is long-lasting so does not decompose quickly, meaning it ends up polluting the environment, especially our waterways.

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8. Why should people demand that governments control plastic pollution?
Pupils' own responses, such as: The governments are in control of our countries so if they make something law, such as the new plastic bottle tax, everyone in the country has to abide by it. So it is important that people let the government know that they do not want plastic pollution to continue to increase.
9. Explain what you can do to End Plastic Pollution at home.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I can ask my parents to buy alternatives to plastic, such as bamboo and fabric and I can do the same with my toys; When I no longer wish to play with a toy, I could give it to someone else or take it to the charity shop, rather than throwing it into the rubbish. I can also encourage my family to recycle any plastics that we do buy (making sure that we only buy plastics which have the recycling symbol on them).
10. Which of the three Rs is most important? Give evidence to support your answer.
Pupils' own response, such as: I think that it is most important to reduce the amount of plastic we use because, not only does the disposal of plastic cause a problem to the environment, but so does the manufacture of plastic (which releases harmful toxic chemicals). If we reduce the amount of plastic we use, choosing alternatives instead, then we have less plastic made and so less harmful chemicals in the environment.