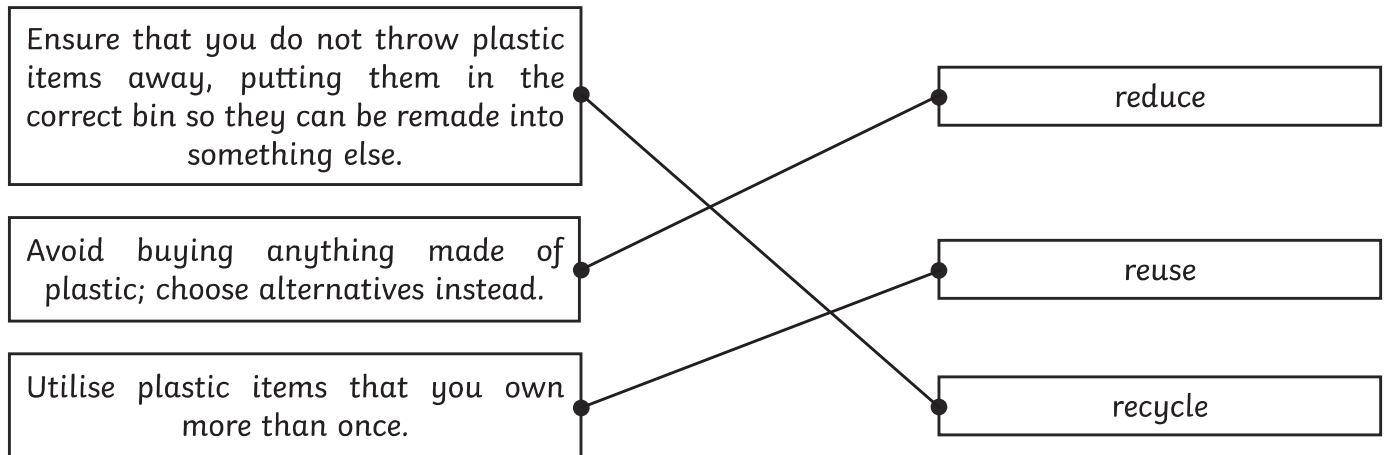


# Answers

1. Which of these are problems caused by plastic? Tick **two**.

- poisoning and injuring sea animals**
- taking hundreds of years to decompose
- a new plastic bottle tax
- filling landfills and spreading into the environment**

2. Draw a line to match the activity with its name.



3. Name 2 awareness initiatives that help promote environmental issues.

**Accept any two of the following: Recycling Weeks, Earth Days or Environmental Days.**

4. Fill in the missing words from this sentence:

It breaks into **tiny pieces**, which then get blown around by the wind and the rain, and lots of the plastic ends up in our **streams, rivers** and the **ocean**.

5. Find and copy a phrase from the text which shows that this is **not a problem which you can solve on your own**.  
**you can't do this alone**

6. Why is 'recycling' the last of the three Rs?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: With recycling there has still been a negative impact on the environment due to the initial manufacture of the plastic item.**

7. Do you think that the new plastic bottle tax will help the problem of plastic pollution?

Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the new plastic bottle tax will help because people will want to get their money back so they will return the bottles, which the companies will then have to recycle.**

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8. How do local councils, supermarkets and the Government help to combat environmental issues?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: Local councils, supermarkets and the Government help to combat environmental issues by raising people's awareness of the problems and to spread the word of what everyone should be doing to reduce the impact.**
9. Do you think the awareness days can help? Explain your answer.  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: If awareness days raise understanding of the problems and tell people what they can do to reduce the issues, then they can slowly help with the plastic problems around the world.**