

Plastic Quiz

Find the right answers to the questions below. Page 14 in TOPIC will help you!

1. How many tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year?
 a) two million b) four million c) six million d) eight million
2. How long does it take for some types of plastic to fully degrade?
 a) up to 100 years b) up to 500 years c) up to 700 years d) up to 1000 years
3. How much plastic does a European produce per year?
 a) 20 kg d) 30 kg c) 50 kg e) 80 kg
4. How much plastic is not used more than once?
 a) 30% b) 40% c) 50% d) 60%
5. How much of the plastic waste is recycled in the EU??
 a) one third b) half of it c) two thirds d) all of it
6. How much of all human waste is plastic waste?
 a) 5% b) 10% c) 20% d) 50%
7. How much of the world's oil is used to make plastic?
 a) 4% b) 5% c) 6% d) 7%

Is this made from plastic?

Tick the items that tend to be (partly) made from plastic. Page 14 in TOPIC will help you!

<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Cans	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton shirts
<input type="checkbox"/> Straw hats	<input type="checkbox"/> Some clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Some cosmetics
<input type="checkbox"/> Smartphones	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Some bags
<input type="checkbox"/> Bread	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Books

Choose the word!

Choose the right word. Page 14 in TOPIC will help you!

Plastic was about 100 years ago. Ever since, the material has become very popular, but it creates many problems: Not all of it can be recycled and much of it gets or dumped into landfills or into the oceans. As a result, there is a big floating plastic island between and Hawaii. Especially the causes terrible problems for animals and humans alike.

Listening exercise

Listen to the audio and do the task.

Tip: Before you listen, read the text and questions carefully. It will help you find the right answers.



Listening exercise: "How to use less Plastic"

Listen to the 10 tips on how to use less plastic. Fill in the gaps below

1. Instead of accepting or even buying new plastic bags in _____, use your own reusable bag. Canvas bags come in all colours and sizes and are much better for the environment.
2. Stop using _____ in restaurants and also at home. If you really feel like you need one for your drink, you can buy ones that are made from steel or from _____ and you can use them again and again.
3. Check if the product you want to buy is also available in a cardboard _____ or in a _____ bottle or a tin can. It's easier to recycle those materials.
4. If you like to drink takeaway _____, invest in a reusable mug. You can even fill it up at home, which also saves you a lot of money in the long run.
5. Talking about drinks – try to also stop buying bottled _____. Especially here in Austria, tap water is perfectly fine to drink and often even full of minerals. Just fill your own reusable _____.
6. Bring your own _____ instead of buying sandwiches wrapped in plastic. It's cheaper, it's often healthier (and yummiier) and you create a lot less waste.
7. When buying clothes, check the _____. Cheap on-trend pieces are often made from polyester. Try buying natural fibres such as cotton or wool. They also let your skin breathe. Second hand clothes are a great _____, too!
8. Check if your city offers a shop where you can buy _____ without packaging. You bring your own reusable containers, they then fill them up for you.
9. Many cosmetic products contain micro plastic, tiny plastic beads. Check the list of ingredients and _____. A bar of soap is often better than fancy face wash or shower gels.
10. Cook. A lot of fresh ingredients come without plastic packaging: fruits and _____ from the farmer's market, rice in cardboard boxes, potatoes. Learning how to cook can be fun, it's cheaper, and a lot healthier than buying readymade, packaged food. For your _____ and for the planet.