

# World Oceans Day

World Oceans Day helps us to think about the oceans and the animals that live in them. More than two thirds of our planet is covered with water. We need to protect the oceans.

## When Is It?

World Oceans Day happens every year on 8<sup>th</sup> June. It started in 1992. Now, more than 140 countries take part.

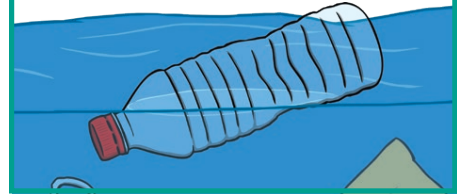
## What Are the World's Oceans Called?

There are five oceans which are connected with each other. The five oceans are:

- the Atlantic Ocean
- the Pacific Ocean
- the Arctic Ocean
- the Indian Ocean
- the Southern Ocean

### Did You Know...?

A plastic bottle can last about 450 years in the sea.



## Why Do We Need to Protect the Oceans?

Rubbish in our oceans is a big problem. Plastic rubbish takes a very long time to go away. Some plastic rubbish floats and causes problems for animals such as birds and fish. Most of it sinks to the ocean floor. Then, it stays there for a very long time.

## How Can We Help?

We can use less plastic in our lives. We must make sure that our rubbish goes in the bin or we recycle it if possible. We must never litter because of the danger to animals and our environment.

# Questions

1. How often does World Oceans Day happen? Tick one.

- ☐ every month  
☐ every year  
☐ in June

2. How many world oceans are there? Tick one.

- ☐ four  
☐ fifty  
☐ five

3. Look at the **Why Do We Need to Protect the Oceans?** section.

Draw **three** lines to match the sentences:

Some plastic rubbish •

Most plastic rubbish •

All rubbish •

• sinks to the ocean floor.

• floats.

• is a problem in our oceans.

4. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'look after and keep safe'.

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5. Why must we never litter?

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