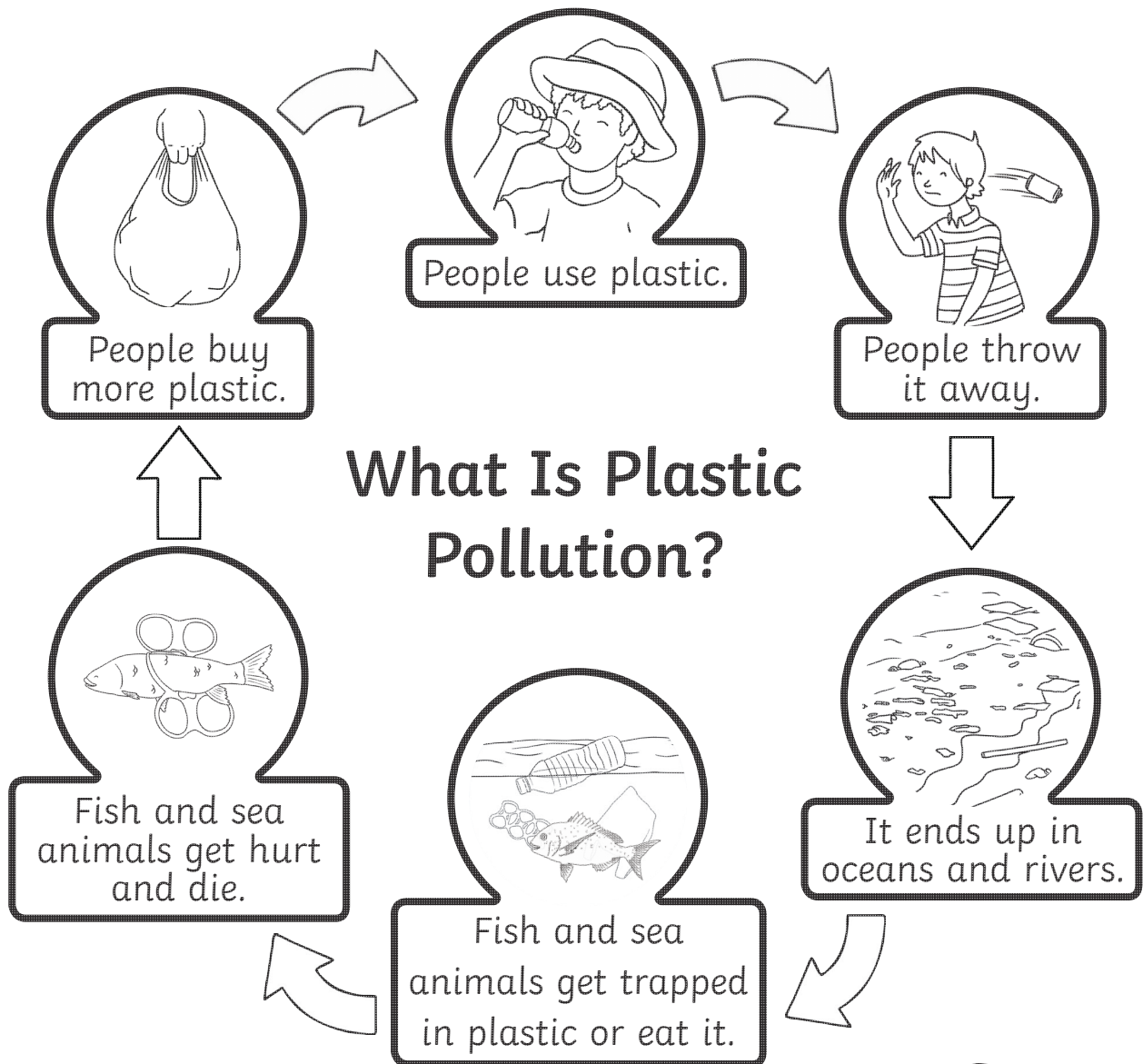


# Earth Day 2018

## End Plastic Pollution

### What Is Earth Day?

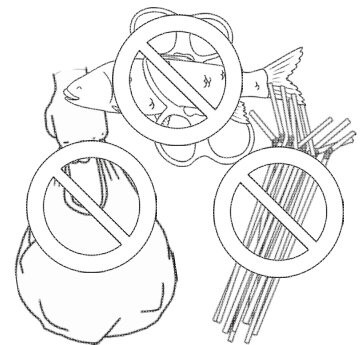
Earth Day happens on 22<sup>nd</sup> April every year. Earth Day is about looking after our planet. This year's Earth Day is all about how to End Plastic Pollution.



### What Can We Do?

There are lots of things we can do to help:

- Don't have plastic straws in drinks.
- Fill up a water bottle, don't buy a new one.
- Say no to plastic shopping bags.



# Questions

1. Earth Day is about looking after our \_\_\_\_\_. Tick one.
  - ☐ planet
  - ☐ hair
  - ☐ school
2. When does Earth Day happen every year? Tick one.
  - ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> April
  - ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> May
3. What is **bad** about plastic pollution? Tick one.
  - ☐ Trees get hurt and die.
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  - ☐ Animals get hurt and die.
4. Where does plastic end up? Tick one.
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  - ☐ glass bottles
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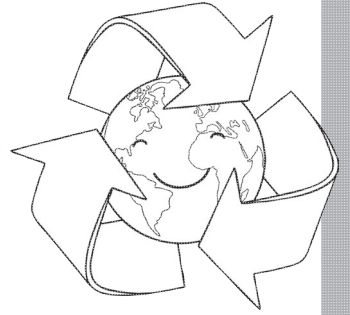
# Earth Day 2018

## End Plastic Pollution

### What Is Earth Day?

Earth Day happens every year on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Earth Day is about looking after our planet and stopping things that harm the Earth. Every year, Earth Day has a special theme. This year, the theme is **End Plastic Pollution**.

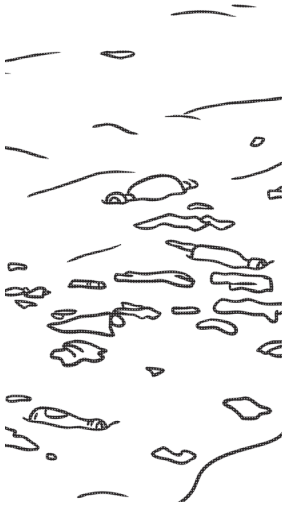


### What Is Plastic Pollution?

Plastic pollution is when plastic that has been thrown away ends up in oceans and rivers, on beaches and in the countryside.

Many things we use every day are made of plastic. Plastic is very cheap and strong so when it is thrown away it lasts a long time and is hard to get rid of.

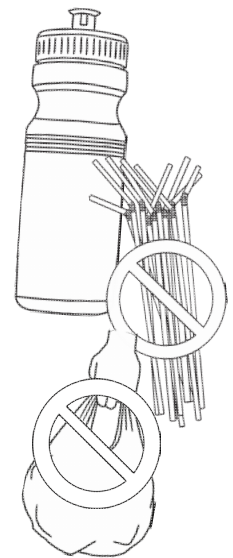
Lots of plastic ends up in oceans where it traps and harms fish and other sea animals.



### What You Can Do

There are lots of things we can all do to help end plastic pollution. Not only on Earth Day but all year round!

- Reuse a water bottle instead of buying a new one.
- Don't use plastic straws for drinks.
- Carry shopping in fabric bags, not plastic bags.
- Talk to your family about buying things that are made of other materials, not plastic.
- Talk to your head teacher or school council about how your school can use less plastic.



### Did You Know...?

- The amount of plastic that humans use every year weighs the same as 30 million elephants!
- By the year 2050, there could be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish!

# Questions

1. What is this year's Earth Day theme? Tick one.

- ☐ End Car Fumes
- ☐ End Plastic Pollution
- ☐ End Dirty Water

2. Draw lines to match these sentences.

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3. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen.

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4. Find and copy one word that describes plastic.

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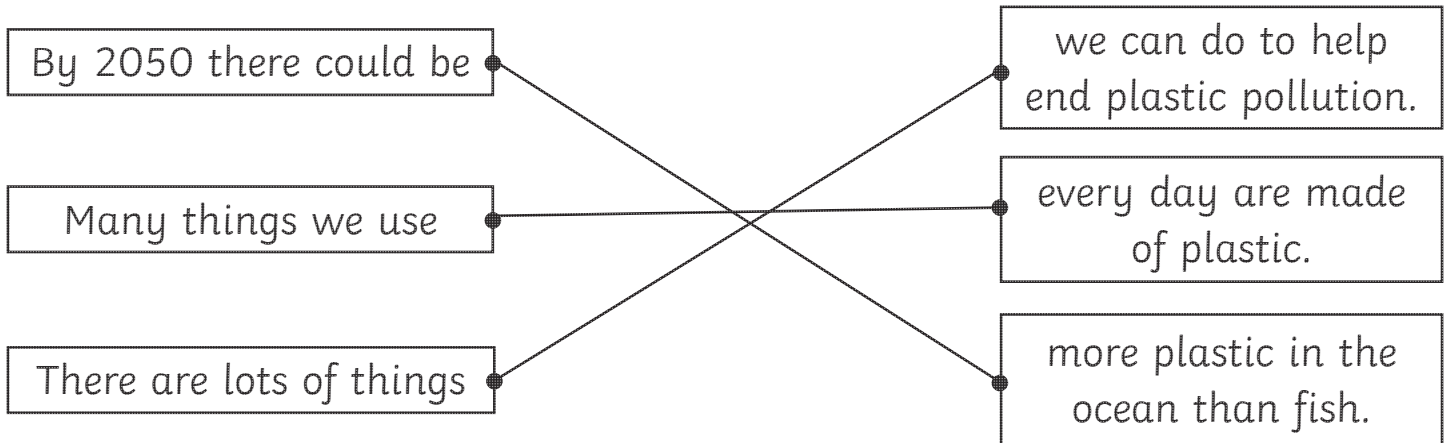
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- ☐ 3 Plastic traps and harms fish and other sea animals.

4. Find and copy one word that describes plastic.

**Accept any of the following: cheap; strong.**

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**Accept any one of the points from the section 'What You Can Do', e.g.  
Reuse a water bottle instead of buying a new one.**

# Earth Day 2018

## End Plastic Pollution

### What Is Earth Day?

Earth Day happens once a year on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Earth Day is about looking after our planet and stopping things that are damaging the Earth. Every year, Earth Day has a different theme. This year, the theme is **End Plastic Pollution**.



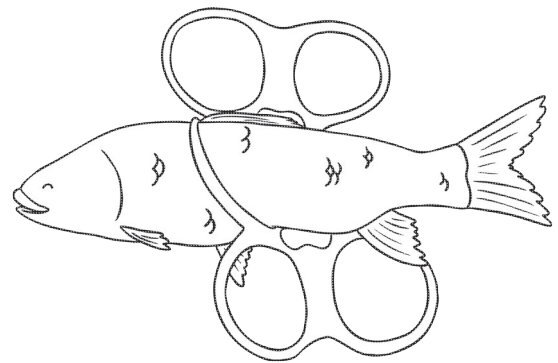
### What Is Plastic Pollution?

Plastic pollution is when plastic that has been thrown away ends up in the environment. The environment means oceans, rivers, beaches and the countryside.

Plastic is very cheap to buy so humans throw a lot of it away. But plastic is very strong and made to last a long time.

When it is thrown away, it takes hundreds of years before it rots away and disappears.

Sadly, lots of plastic ends up in oceans. Fish and sea creatures can get stuck in this plastic or eat it by mistake. This is very harmful to the animals and can even kill them. Plastic bags are killing over 100,000 fish and birds every year.



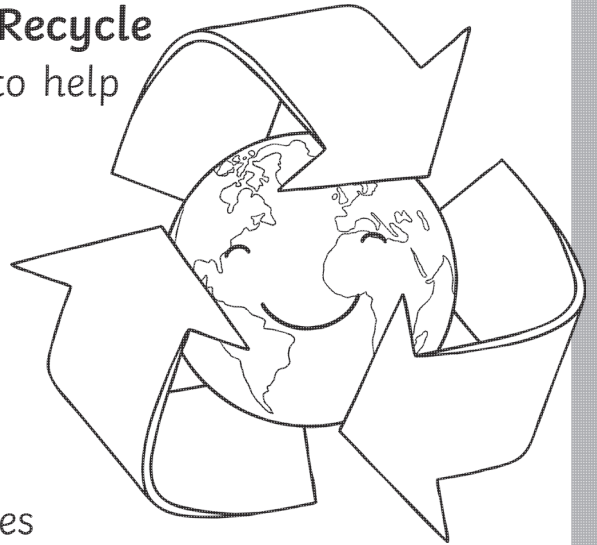
# Earth Day 2018

## End Plastic Pollution

### What You Can Do: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

There are lots of things we can all do to help end plastic pollution.

- **Reduce:** Talk to your family, head teacher or school council about how your school and family can use less plastic. Say no to plastic straws.
- **Reuse:** Refill and reuse water bottles instead of buying new ones. Carry shopping in fabric bags, not plastic bags.
- **Recycle:** Look out for the special recycling sign on plastic. Remember to recycle when you can instead of throwing plastic away with the normal rubbish.



### Powerful Plastic Facts

- The amount of plastic that humans use every year weighs the same as 30 million elephants!
- One plastic bottle takes about 450 years to break down.
- Scientists predict that by the year 2050, there will be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish!

# Questions

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environment

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reduce

use again, instead of  
buying new

reuse

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3. Find and copy **one** adverb that shows the author of this text is unhappy about water pollution.

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4. Fill in the missing word.

Plastic can be very \_\_\_\_\_ to fish and sea creatures.

5. What can you do instead of buying new water bottles?

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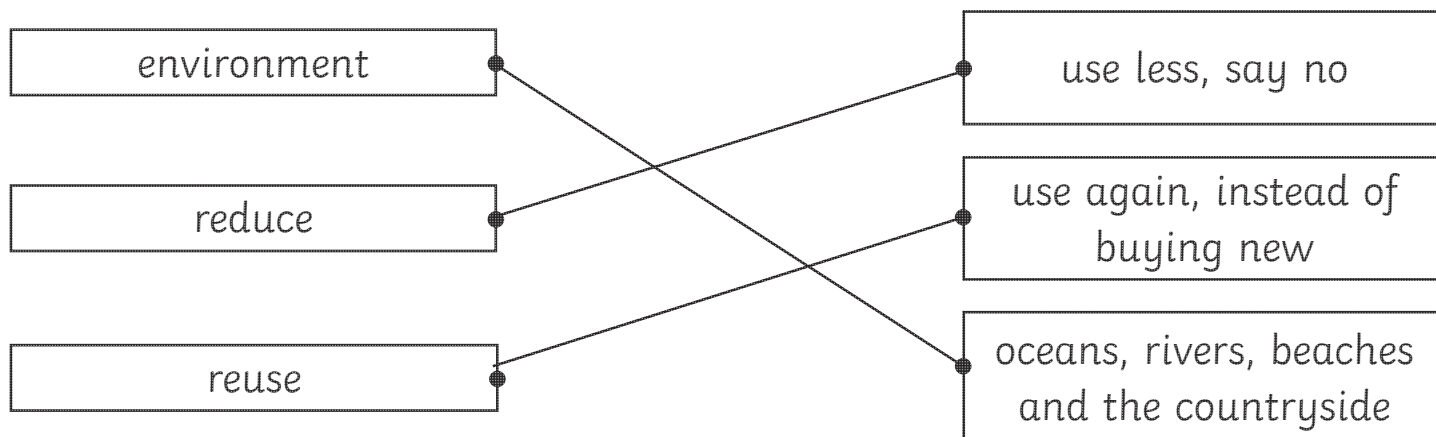
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**sadly**

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5. What can you do instead of buying new water bottles?

**Instead of buying new water bottles you can refill and reuse them.**

6. Which fact from this text do you think is the worst? Give two reasons for the fact you have chosen.

**Pupils' own responses. Accept any answer as long as one of the facts from the text is chosen and two reasons are given, such as: I think the worst fact is by 2050, there will be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish because fish were in the oceans before plastic and humans shouldn't be making so much rubbish.**