

Plastic Pollution News Story Answers

- 1) Look at the first paragraph. What word does the writer use which suggests that marine ecosystems are easily damaged? (1 mark)
delicate
- 2) Find and copy **one** word from the text which means the same as **terrible**. (1 mark)
catastrophic
- 3) Find and copy **one** word from the text which suggests that some organisations are working really hard? (1 mark)
tirelessly
- 4) Give **one** way in which plastic can endanger marine animals. (1 mark)
Any answer which explains that animals can choke on small pieces of plastic which they mistake for food.
- 5) Give **one** reason why humans should be concerned by plastic being present in every stage of the food chain. (1 mark)
Any answer which explains that humans can eat fish/seafood which has been contaminated by plastic.
- 6) According to the text, what two things have some nurseries and schools banned? Why do you think have they done this? (2 marks)
For 1 mark, glitter and plastic straws. For 2 marks, any answer which explains that these items might contain plastic.
- 7) Give **one** way in which governments could persuade people to keep plastic bags and take them shopping over and over again, instead of throwing them away and getting new ones each time. (1 marks)
1 marks for explaining that governments could charge people for using plastic bags from shops.
- 8) Look at the final paragraph. Do you think it is more important for **governments** to act to stop plastic pollution, or **corporations**? (Use an online dictionary if you are unsure what these words mean.) Support your answer with evidence from the text. (2 marks)
2 marks for at least 1 reason for either option, using evidence from the text, e.g.
"I think it is more important for corporations to act because they are the ones who produce all the plastic packaging and they have the power to produce less."