

Read it and answer the questions.

Too much rubbish.  
Not enough space.  
Get to be careful  
Not to replace  
Tulips with tin cans,  
Meadows with glass,  
Forests with dump grounds.  
Fresh air with gas.  
Reuse or recycle.  
Don't throw things away.  
Let's do a new start here,  
Begin a new day.

Why do we have a lot of rubbish in the countryside and at the seaside?



What rubbish can you see at the beach?

# Marine litter

food wrappers



cigarette ends



a bucket, a spade and a beach ball



drink cans



# Where else can marine litter come from?

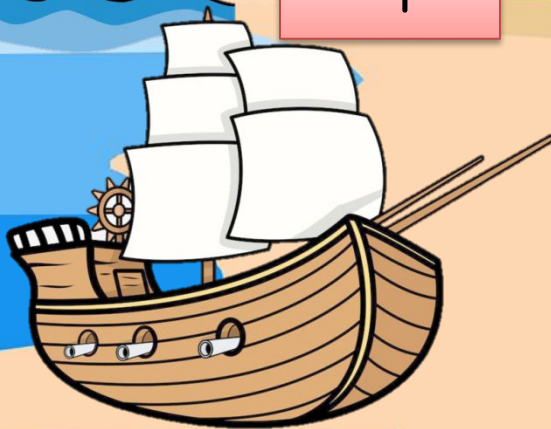
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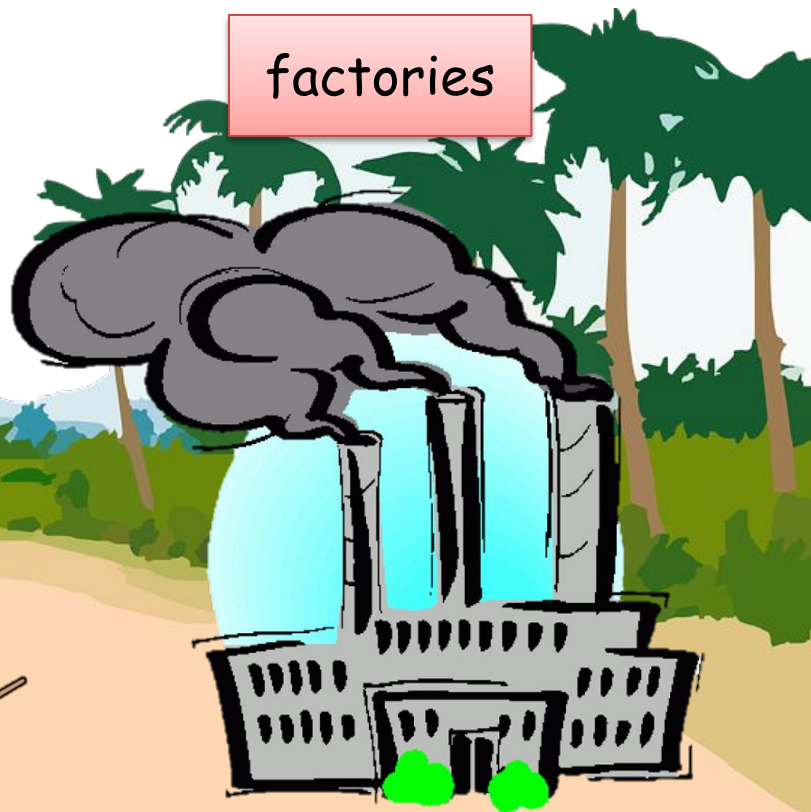
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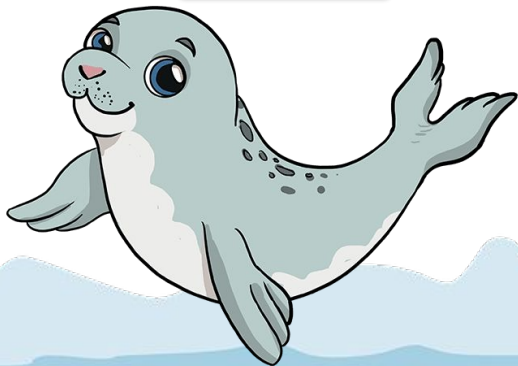


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# What animals can you see at the beach?

a seal



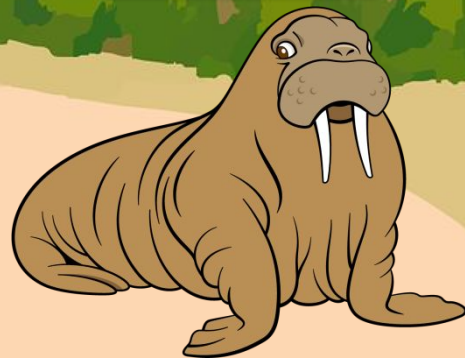
a seagull



a dolphin



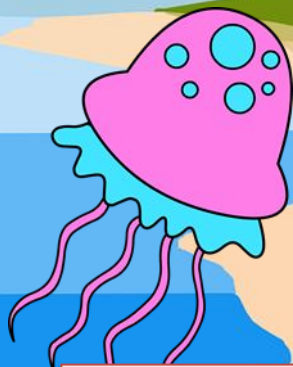
a sea lion



a sea turtle



a jellyfish



Before reading the text about marine litter, translate the following:

оставлять после себя

взяться от к-л

любопытный

запутаться

наносить травму к-л

принять одно за другое

заполнять

пищеварительная система

голодать

попасться

исчезающие виды

вымирающие виды

порезаться о стекло

блокировать пропеллеры  
лодки

упаковки от продуктов

стоки, канализация





### The Terrible Truth

We all enjoy a day out at the beach, but these days you are likely to find much more there than just sand and sea! Many of the thousands of people that visit beaches every year leave behind food **wrappers**, cigarette ends, drink cans and toys like **buckets**, spades and beach balls. These can then be blown or washed into the sea and become marine litter. Marine litter can also come from ships, fishermen, **drains** and factories. This litter doesn't just look horrible – it's dangerous, too!

### Litter Harms Wildlife and People

Marine mammals such as **seals**, **sea lions** and dolphins are very **curious** animals who like to examine unusual objects in the sea. This is how they get mixed up in the litter, which causes them **injury** and **stops** them from finding food or swimming away from their enemies. Birds, fish and mammals can also confuse litter for food and eat it. Sea **turtles**, for

example, often eat plastic bags because they look like **jellyfish**, one of their favourite foods. This then **fills up** the turtle's digestive system<sup>1</sup>, and makes it feel full, so it stops eating and starves<sup>2</sup>. 100,000 marine mammals and nearly a million seabirds die either from getting caught in or eating litter each year! Many of these creatures are already **threatened** or **endangered species**. In addition, litter is dangerous for people as they can cut themselves on glass or metal. Marine litter can also block boat **propellers**, which is dangerous and very expensive to repair.

### Be the Solution

So ... next time you go to the beach, make sure you are part of the solution, NOT the problem! Take ALL of your litter home with you and consider taking any other litter you can see around you too. If you live near a beach, you could even organise a Beach Clean-up Day.

<sup>1</sup> set of organs in your body that break down the food you eat

<sup>2</sup> dies from not eating

# Answer the questions.

What is marine litter?

In which two ways does marine litter harm wildlife? Why?

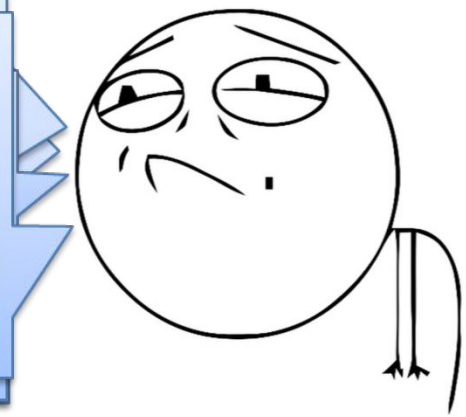
How can litter harm people?

List three ways we can help solve the problem.

- to get mixed up

**We can:**

- take our litter home with us.**
- take other people's litter home.**
- organise a Beach Clean-up Day.**



wrappers

bucket

drains

seals

sea lions

curious

injury

to stop

turtles

jellyfish

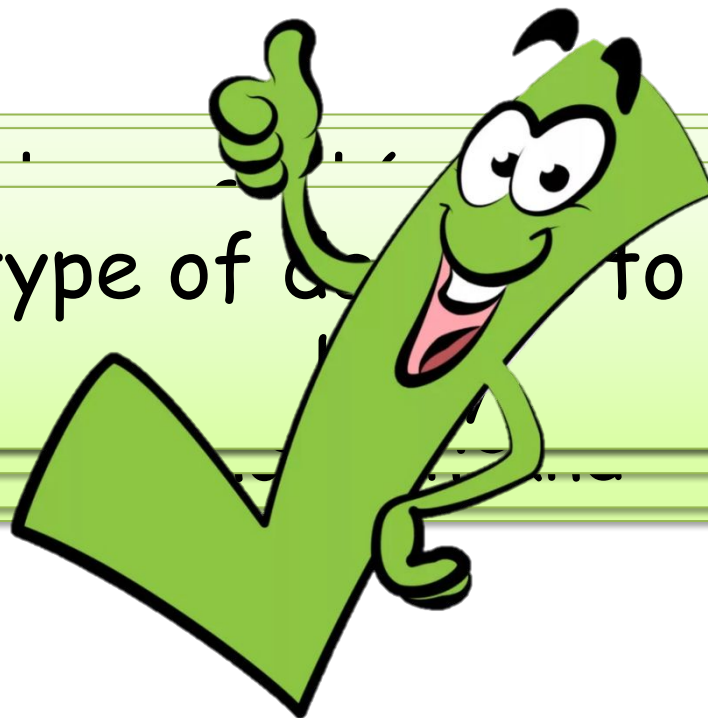
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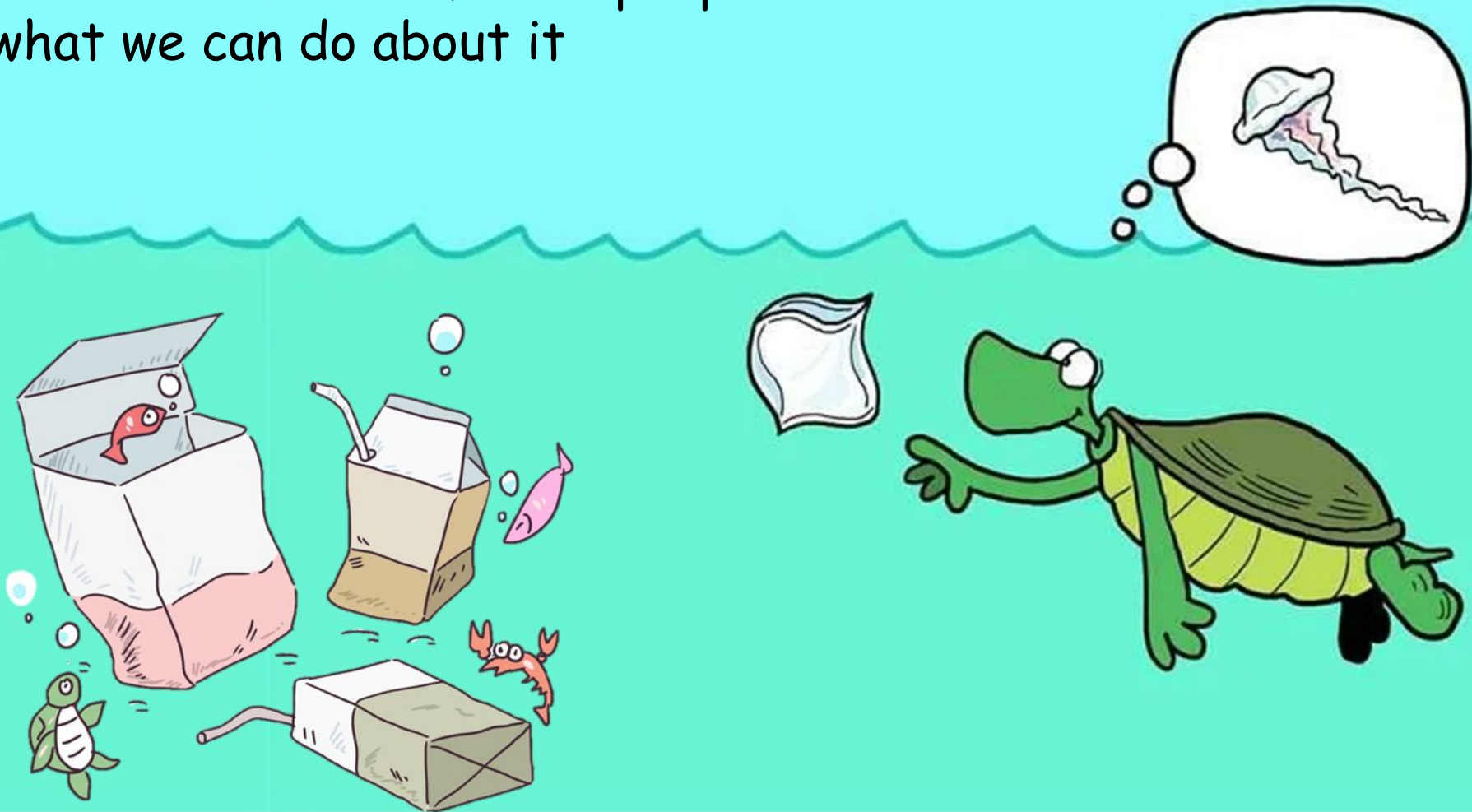
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**Project.** In small groups, make a leaflet about marine litter. Include:

- how it harms wildlife and people
- what we can do about it



Comment on the video using the new words.



Green Wisdom. Read it.

It is our responsibilities, not ourselves,  
that we should take seriously.

(Sir Peter Ustinov, English actor)

Paraphrase the quotation.

Discuss the meaning in pairs.

Do you agree or disagree with the quotation? Why? Why not?

