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# Plastic

**New Internationalist Easier English**

**Ready Elementary Lesson**

## **This lesson:**

- **Questions**
- **Vocabulary**
- **Reading**
- **Present simple sentences**
- **Writing**

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What is it doing? Put the words in the correct order:

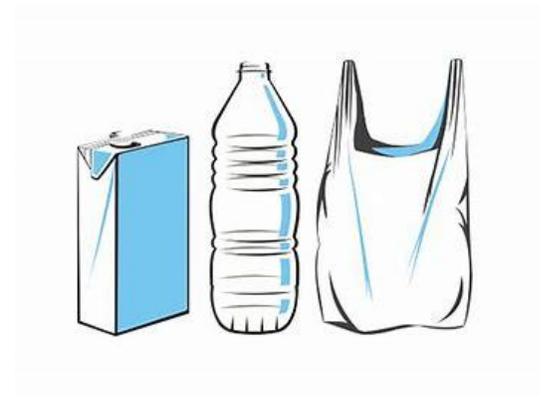
plastic the is cup a  
eating turtle .



What are they?



## Plastic - make questions:



- 1) do use when plastic use bags you?
- 2) use why plastic you do bags?
- 3) are what of things made plastic?

Answer the questions with a partner:



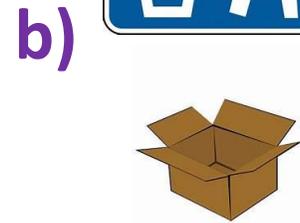
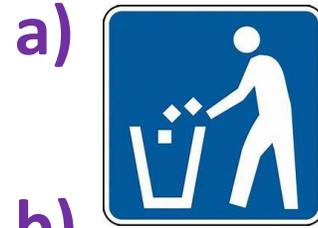
1) When do you use plastic bags?

1) Why do you use plastic bags?

2) What things are made of plastic?

Match:

- 1) invent
- 2) break down
- 3) packaging
- 4) throw away
- 5) oil
- 6) gas
- 7) environment



d) go away



f) have a new idea and  
make something new



# What do you think?

## Now read and check:

- 1) **Where is he from?**
- 2) **How old is he?**
- 3) **What is his job?**
- 4) **What is he writing about?**





## ***Dinyar Godre reports:***

Dinyar Godre was born in 1965. And someone invented the plastic bag in 1965.

When he was a child, in a big city in central India, there were not many plastic bags.

# Put the numbers in the right place:



15      2      6      3      700      1000      120      1

Now plastic bags are very very strong but we use them for a very short time. We only use most plastic bags for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. But they take maybe (2) \_\_\_\_\_ years to break down. People use (3) \_\_\_\_\_ million plastic bags every minute around the world.

People use most plastic things only (4) \_\_\_\_\_ time We use the plastic quickly and then throw it away. And then the plastics companies can make more. All big plastics companies have oil and gas companies. Or oil and gas companies have plastics companies. And in 2014 we used (5) \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of our oil to make plastic. The plastics companies do not worry about the environment.

In the Pacific Ocean, there is a very big island of plastic. It is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ times bigger than France. It is called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Coca-Cola make (7) \_\_\_\_\_ billion plastic bottles each year. This is enough to go around the earth (8) \_\_\_\_\_ times. We throw away plastic things and the packaging and we do not think about it.

Make sentences:

**fish**

**birds**

**eat**

**kills**

**plastic**

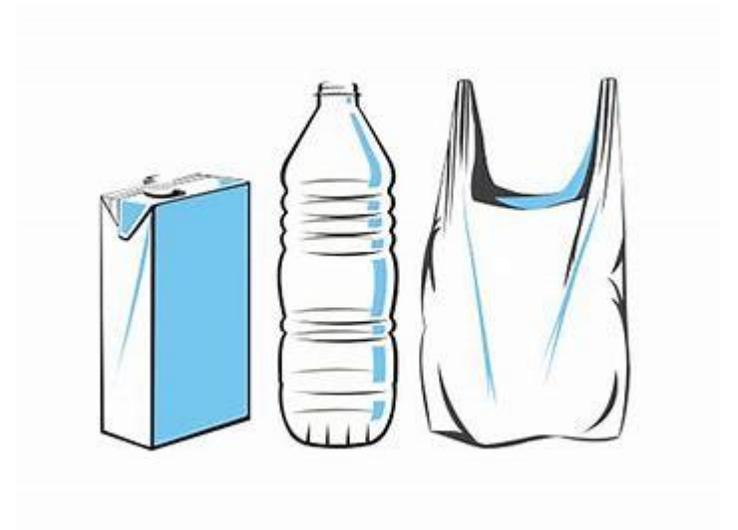
**animals**



**Make sentences:**

**Plastic is good because...**

**Plastic is bad because...**



Make a poster about plastic:

