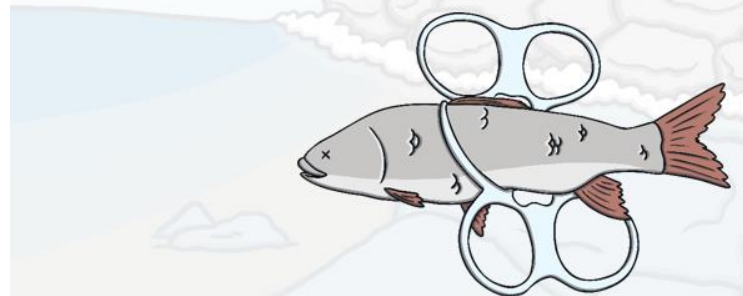


Key Vocabulary	
coast	Where the land meets the sea.
beach	An area of land made of pebbles or sand next to the sea. The beach gets bigger or smaller depending on the tide.
cliff	A steep face of rock at the side of the cliff.
ocean	The earth's water is divided into five oceans. These are: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic.
pollution	when the environment is contaminated , or dirtied, by waste, chemicals, and other harmful substances.
human	A place has two types of geographical features. Human features are man-made. Physical features are natural.
physical	

Plastic Pollution in the Ocean

Plastic is a useful material which we use for many everyday items. Tiny creatures in the soil cannot break down plastic like they do with other natural items such as leaves, banana skins or apple cores. Plastic stays in the environment for many, many years after it has been used.

Plastic is harmful for both humans and wildlife. Animals get confused and eat plastic because they think it is food. They get trapped in litter and are hurt or even die.



Most plastic in the world either ends up buried in the ground or dumped into the sea.

Some plastic floats about on the sea for decades and is eaten by sea creatures such as whales and sea birds.

However, most plastic sinks to the bottom of the sea. It becomes brittle and breaks into small pieces. These get mixed up with plankton which is then eaten by fish and many other sea creatures.

Plastic in our oceans is dangerous to a wide range of sea life.



What can I do to help protect the ocean?



REDUCE the amount of plastic you use - don't buy plastic bottles, plastic straws or plastic carrier bags

REUSE the plastic you do have. Make a bottle into a bird feeder or create a musical shaker using rice!

RECYCLE your plastic. Can you pass on your old toys to a friend? Can you give anything to charity?

houses

cars

harbour wall

boats

sea

Coastal areas are filled with both **physical** and **human** geographical features.

rock

harbour wall

cliff

sea

sand