

Challenge 1:

Answers

1. Which of these is not a way that plastic enters the environment? Tick one.
 - by being blown out of bins
 - by being abandoned by humans
 - by being dug up from the ground**
 - by being washed down drains

2. Number the sub-headings to show the order they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.
 - 3 The Problem with Plastic
 - 1 Plastic Waste Facts
 - 4 Threats to Wildlife
 - 2 Plastic and the Environment
 - 5 How We Can Help

3. List two everyday items mentioned in the text which can be made from plastic.
Accept any two of the following: food wrappers; toys; gadgets; pipes.

4. How many plastic bags are used around the world each second?
160,000 plastic bags are used around the world each second.

5. Find and copy one adjective from the first paragraph which is used to describe plastic.
popular

6. Fully explain why the chemicals within plastic endanger wildlife.
Pupils' own responses, such as: The chemicals within plastic endanger wildlife because they are poisonous. When animals accidentally eat bits of plastic, the poison can hurt or kill both them and anything which eats them in their food chain.

7. Discuss one of the largest threats to wildlife from plastic waste in the environment.
Pupils' own responses, such as: One of the largest threats to wildlife from plastic waste in the environment is that animals can become tangled in plastic waste, resulting in their injury or death.

8. Comment on one change you could make to help to reduce plastic pollution.
Pupils' own responses, such as: To help to reduce plastic pollution, I could stop using plastic bags when I go to the shop and take a canvas bag with me instead.