

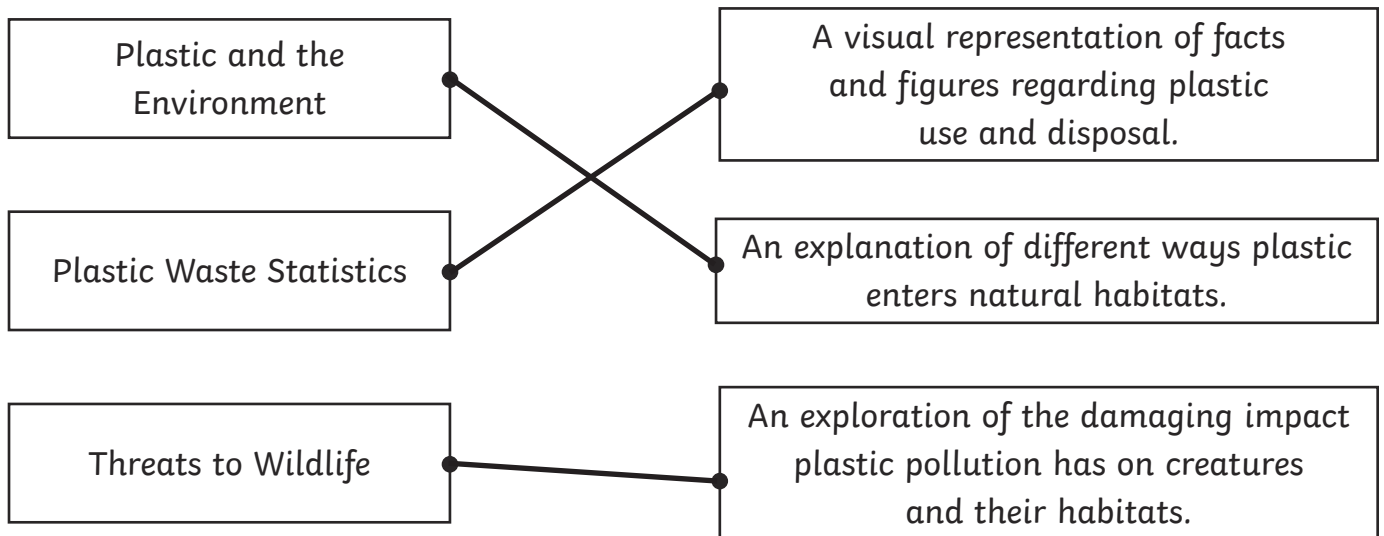
## Challenge 3: **Answers**

1. **...they will simply remain indefinitely until removed by humans...**

Which of these is the most accurate definition for the word indefinitely? Tick one.

- globally problematic  
**for the foreseeable future**  
 restricted from view  
 negatively impactful

2. Match the sub-heading to the best summary of its contents.



3. **...and could be endangering the existence of some of our much-loved species.**

Define the word **endangering** based on its use in this sentence.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Endangering means putting something at risk or in danger.**

4. What percentage of plastic produced over the last 70 years has been thrown away?  
**79% of plastic produced over the last 70 years has been thrown away.**

5. Which creature may birds mistake plastic bags for?  
**Birds may mistake plastic bags for fish.**

6. Fully explain how plastic pollution endangers Britain's wildlife.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Plastic pollution can harm wildlife because creatures may become tangled in waste, eat the plastic by mistake and become poisoned by the chemicals in the plastic.**

7. Plastic pollution is a global problem. Propose three steps which could be taken globally to reduce plastic pollution.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: All single-use plastic items, such as straws and cutlery, could be banned globally. They could remove the use of plastic items and bottles from all international flights. Also, world leaders could meet to discuss measures to reduce plastic production and promote recycling.**

8. Summarise what is meant by microplastics in 15 words or less.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic that have been broken down from larger pieces.**

9. Comment on one change you have already made and one change you will make in the future in order to reduce plastic pollution.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: One change I have already made is that I have started refilling a water bottle instead of buying more bottled water. One change I will make in the future is that I will take my own bag to the supermarket instead of buying more plastic carrier bags.**

10. Summarise the purpose of this text and its intended audience.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that this text is intended for a young audience, especially children who are interested in wildlife and the environment. Its purpose is to inform them of the hazards of plastic pollution and to help them to make changes for the better to help the environment.**