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**Level 0** – 28th November 2024

## Hopes for global treaty to end plastic pollution

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241128-plastic-pollution-0.html>

Around 175 countries could sign a plastic pollution treaty. It will protect the future of our planet. The UN spoke about the problem. It said: "Our world is drowning in plastic. Every year, we produce 460 million tons of it. Much of this is thrown away." The UN said a treaty will help our children and our children's children.

The UN said it was important to act now. By 2050, there could be more plastic than fish in the ocean. Microplastics are creating many new health problems. South Korea asked countries to aim for zero plastic pollution. It said: "The waste...in our oceans and rivers now [risks] the lives of future generations."

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/environmental-plastic-waste-pollution-oil-fossil-fuel-production-climate-change/a-70835827>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Around 175 countries   | a. away              |
| 2. protect the future     | b. about the problem |
| 3. The UN spoke           | c. children          |
| 4. Our world is drowning  | d. could sign        |
| 5. produce 460 million    | e. in plastic        |
| 6. Much of this is thrown | f. help our children |
| 7. a treaty will          | g. of our planet     |
| 8. our children's         | h. tons of it        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. it was important        | a. problems          |
| 2. By                      | b. generations       |
| 3. there could             | c. to act now        |
| 4. fish in the             | d. be more plastic   |
| 5. many new health         | e. and rivers        |
| 6. aim for zero            | f. 2050              |
| 7. The waste in our oceans | g. plastic pollution |
| 8. future                  | h. ocean             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241128-plastic-pollution-0.html>

Around 175 countries (1) \_\_\_\_\_ plastic pollution treaty. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ future of our planet. The UN spoke (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It said: "Our world (4) \_\_\_\_\_ plastic. Every year, we produce 460 million tons of it. Much of this (5) \_\_\_\_\_." The UN said a treaty will help our children and (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The UN said it was important (7) \_\_\_\_\_. By 2050, there could be more plastic than fish (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Microplastics (9) \_\_\_\_\_ new health problems. South Korea asked countries (10) \_\_\_\_\_ zero plastic pollution. It said: "The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ oceans and rivers now [risks] (12) \_\_\_\_\_ future generations."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PLASTIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241128-plastic-pollution-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about plastic in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

