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Level 1 – 28th November 2024

Hopes for global treaty to end plastic pollution

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Around 175 countries could sign a treaty to limit plastic pollution. The nations have been meeting in South Korea. The U.N. Environment Program said the treaty will protect the future of the planet. The U.N. Secretary-General spoke about the problem. He said: "Our world is drowning in plastic pollution. Every year, we produce 460 million tons of plastic, much of which is quickly thrown away." The U.N. said a treaty will help future generations.

The U.N said it was important to act now. It said by 2050, there could be more plastic than fish in the ocean.

Microplastics are creating many new health problems. The president of South Korea asked countries to follow a path to zero plastic pollution. He added: "The waste...in our oceans and rivers now [risks] the lives of future generations." He asked governments, "to open a new historic chapter by [signing] a treaty on plastic pollution".

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/environmental-plastic-waste-pollution-oil-fossil-fuel-production-climate-change/a-70835827>
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/11/1157426>
<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/5002803-plastic-waste-oil-industry-crisis/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Around 175 countries could | a. generations |
| 2. limit plastic | b. South Korea |
| 3. nations have been meeting in | c. away |
| 4. protect the future | d. tons of plastic |
| 5. Our world is drowning | e. of the planet |
| 6. we produce 460 million | f. sign a treaty |
| 7. quickly thrown | g. in plastic pollution |
| 8. help future | h. pollution |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. it was important | a. new health problems |
| 2. there could be more | b. chapter |
| 3. Microplastics are creating many | c. plastic pollution |
| 4. follow a path to zero | d. generations |
| 5. The waste in our oceans | e. on plastic pollution |
| 6. risks the lives of future | f. to act now |
| 7. open a new historic | g. and rivers |
| 8. signing a treaty | h. plastic than fish |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Around 175 countries could (1) _____ to limit plastic pollution. The nations (2) _____ in South Korea. The U.N. Environment Program said the treaty will protect (3) _____ the planet. The U.N. Secretary-General spoke about the problem. He said: "Our (4) _____ in plastic pollution. Every year, we produce 460 million tons of plastic, (5) _____ is quickly thrown away." The U.N. said a (6) _____ future generations.

The U.N said it was important (7) _____. It said by 2050, there could be more plastic than fish (8) _____. Microplastics are creating many new health problems. The president of South Korea (9) _____ follow a path to zero plastic pollution. He added: "The (10) _____ oceans and rivers now [risks] the (11) _____ generations." He asked governments, "to open a new (12) _____ [signing] a treaty on plastic pollution".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PLASTIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241128-plastic-pollution-4.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) _____

