

Healthy Oceans

Preventing Plastic Pollution

Discussion Questions



1. How many things can you think of that are made of plastic? Why is plastic so common?
2. What are some of the benefits and drawbacks of plastic?
3. What are plastics made of? Could this be problematic? Why or why not?
4. How long does plastic stay in the environment? Could this be problematic? Why or why not?
5. How can plastic get from the middle of a continent to the middle of the ocean?



6. Is it feasible to drag a large net behind a ship and scoop up all of the plastic debris that's in the ocean? Why or why not?
7. What are microplastics, and how do they form?
8. What problems does plastic debris in the ocean pose for marine life, and why?
9. Most plastic debris in the ocean comes from land. What are some things people and communities are doing to address the problem of plastic debris in the ocean? What are some things you can do?
10. What are some alternatives to plastic packaging that might be better for the environment?
11. What do you think the saying 'think globally, act locally' means? How does this apply to the issue of plastic debris in the ocean?

