

World Oceans Day

World Oceans Day helps us to think about the oceans and the animals that live in them. More than two-thirds of our planet is covered with water. We need to protect the oceans.

What Are the World's Oceans Called?

There are five oceans which are connected with each other. The five oceans are:

The Atlantic Ocean

The Pacific Ocean

The Arctic Ocean

The Indian Ocean

The Southern Ocean

When Is It?

World Oceans Day happens every year on 8th June. It started in 1992. Now, more than 140 countries take part. This year's theme, 'The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods', looks at how the ocean is important to our lives and how we can protect the ocean.

Why Do We Need to Protect the Oceans?

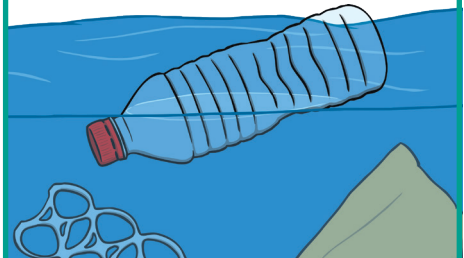
Rubbish in our oceans is a big problem. Plastic rubbish takes a very long time to go away. Some plastic rubbish floats and causes problems for animals, such as birds and fish. Most of it sinks to the ocean floor. Then, it stays there for a very long time.

How Can We Help?

We can use less plastic in our lives. We must make sure that our rubbish goes in the bin or we recycle it if possible. We must never litter because of the danger to animals and our environment.

Did You Know...?

A plastic bottle can last about 450 years in the sea.



Questions

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- every month
 every year
 in June

2. What is this year's World Oceans Day theme? Tick one.

- Think About the Oceans and the Animals
 The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods
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Draw **three** lines to match the sentences:

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All rubbish ●

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● floats.

● is a problem in our oceans.

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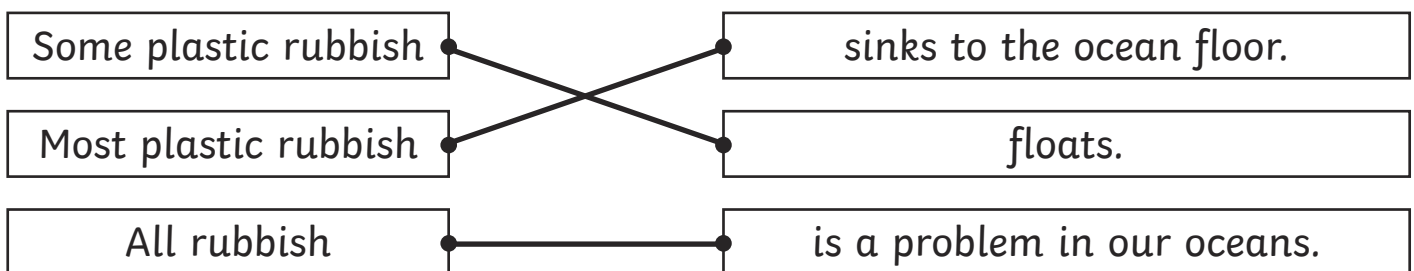
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We must never litter because the rubbish might end up in the oceans.