

Say no to plastic bags

Every year, millions of plastic bags are thrown away in our streets, beaches and fields. They take hundreds of years to disappear, and many of them end up in the sea, where turtles and fish swallow them. Plastic also pollutes the soil and harms farmers' crops. However, we can change this situation. If we carry a cloth bag when we go shopping, we will use fewer plastic bags. Schools can organise clean-up days, and shops can stop giving free bags. Small actions, when they are done by everyone, make a big difference.

Part One (14 points)

A. Reading comprehension : (7 points)

1. True or false? a) Plastic bags disappear quickly. b) Plastic harms farmers' crops.
2. Answer: a) Why are plastic bags dangerous for sea animals? b) Give two solutions mentioned in the text.
3. What does the underlined word refer to? "many of them end up in the sea" →
4. Find in the text a word closest in meaning to "damages".

B. Mastery of language : (7 points)

1. Turn into the passive: "People throw away millions of plastic bags."
2. Complete with the correct form of the verb: If we (recycle) plastic, we (protect) the environment.
3. Find the silent letter: write — know — island.

Part Two (6 points)

Written expression

Your school is starting a campaign called "A clean school". Write a short article (8–10 lines) for the school magazine to encourage pupils to reduce plastic waste. Use the conditional type 1 and "should".

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