



School Plastics Challenge Assembly

The Canal & River Trust look after 2,000 miles of canals and rivers.

Why are litter and plastics so bad?

- Hangs around in the environment for hundreds, maybe even thousands of years.
- Danger to animals
- Damages boats and locks
- Travels out to the sea



Plastics in the ocean



More than **half a million items** of plastics litter reach the oceans from our canals and rivers every year!



What can we do about it?



One of the best ways to reduce the amount of plastics litter is to...

not produce rubbish in the first place.

But how?

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A plastics quiz



Let's find out how much you know about plastics and recycling with the Canal & River Trust quiz...



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Question 1

Which of these items can you **NOT** put in the recycling bin?

1. Newspaper
2. Crisp packet
3. Tinfoil

Question 2

Which of these items does **NOT** contain plastic?

1. Drinks can
2. Tea bag
3. Wet wipe

Question 3

What does this packaging symbol mean?

1. The packet **cannot** be recycled
2. The packet **can** be recycled
3. The packet can be **composted**



Question 4

Worldwide, how many plastic bags are used every minute?

1. 1,000
2. 100,000
3. 1 million



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Question 5

Which of these items takes the longest to decompose?

1. Plastic bottle
2. Plastic bag
3. Drinks carton

Question 6

Of all the litter in all the world, how much of it is in the sea?

1. 50%
2. 80%
3. 25%

Great Work!



Well done – you’ve completed the quiz.

Keep up the great work!

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