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Level 0

Worries about microplastics in our seafood

26th January, 2017

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There are microplastics in seafood. These are tiny pieces of plastic from our garbage. They are in oysters and other shellfish. There are more than five trillion pieces of microplastic in our oceans. There are more every day. A marine biologist said hundreds of shellfish mix with plastic. This can harm or kill the shellfish

A study showed people eat up to 11,000 pieces of plastic each year. Only around 60 of these stay in our body. This could be bad for our health. By 2099, seafood eaters could eat up to 780,000 pieces of plastic a year. That will cause more health problems. We need to recycle more and use plastic less.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/microplastics-in-seafood-could-be-a-health-risk-experts-fear-10739835>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There are microplastics | a. day |
| 2. tiny | b. biologist |
| 3. They are in oysters | c. kill the shellfish |
| 4. There are more than | d. and other shellfish |
| 5. microplastic in | e. in seafood |
| 6. There are more every | f. five trillion pieces |
| 7. marine | g. pieces of plastic |
| 8. This can harm or | h. our oceans |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 11,000 pieces of plastic each | a. of plastic a year |
| 2. Only around | b. problems |
| 3. stay in | c. less |
| 4. This could be bad | d. our body |
| 5. 780,000 pieces | e. recycle more |
| 6. That will cause more health | f. year |
| 7. We need to | g. 60 of these |
| 8. use plastic | h. for our health |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are microplastics in seafood. (1) _____
pieces of plastic (2) _____ garbage. They are in
oysters (3) _____ shellfish. There are more
than five trillion (4) _____ microplastic in our
oceans. There are (5) _____. A marine biologist
said hundreds of shellfish mix with plastic. This
(6) _____ the shellfish

A study showed (7) _____ to 11,000 pieces of
plastic (8) _____. Only around 60 of these stay
in our body. This could be (9) _____ health. By
2099, seafood eaters could (10) _____ 780,000
pieces of plastic a year. That (11) _____ health
problems. We need to recycle more (12) _____
less.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SEAFOOD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about seafood 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) _____

