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Level 1

Worries about microplastics in our seafood

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There are pieces of plastic called microplastics in seafood. These are tiny pieces of plastic from our garbage. They are becoming more common in oysters and other kinds of shellfish. Scientists say there are more than five trillion pieces of microplastic in our oceans. There is more every day. A marine biologist said: "Hundreds of marine organisms [mix with] plastic...in the water...and many of those encounters are harmful [or deadly]."

A study into microplastics showed that people eat up to 11,000 pieces of plastic each year. Only around 60 of these stay in our body - the rest go down the toilet. Sixty pieces is not a lot but they will build up and be bad for our health. By 2099, seafood eaters could eat up to 780,000 pieces of plastic a year. That will cause many health problems. Scientists say we need to recycle more. We should also use other things instead of plastic.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/microplastics-in-seafood-could-be-a-health-risk-experts-fear-10739835>
<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/why-recycle-plastic-rubbish-oceans-8-million-tonnes-pollution-microplastics-a7541476.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. tiny pieces of plastic from | a. organisms |
| 2. oysters and other kinds | b. our garbage |
| 3. there are more than five | c. deadly |
| 4. There is more every | d. of shellfish |
| 5. marine | e. the water |
| 6. hundreds of marine | f. trillion pieces |
| 7. in | g. day |
| 8. harmful or | h. biologist |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A study | a. recycle more |
| 2. up to | b. down the toilet |
| 3. Only around 60 of these | c. instead of plastic |
| 4. the rest go | d. 11,000 pieces |
| 5. be bad | e. health problems |
| 6. That will cause many | f. for our health |
| 7. we need to | g. into microplastics |
| 8. We should also use other things | h. stay in our body |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are (1) _____ called microplastics in seafood. These are tiny pieces of plastic (2) _____. They are becoming more common in oysters and (3) _____ shellfish. Scientists say there are more than five trillion pieces of microplastic in our oceans. There (4) _____ day. A marine biologist said: "Hundreds of (5) _____ [mix with] plastic...in the water...and (6) _____ encounters are harmful [or deadly]."

A study into microplastics showed that (7) _____ 11,000 pieces of plastic each year. Only around 60 of these stay (8) _____ - the rest go down the toilet. Sixty pieces is not a lot but they will (9) _____ be bad for our health. By 2099, seafood eaters (10) _____ 780,000 pieces of plastic a year. That will cause many health problems. Scientists (11) _____ recycle more. We should also use other things (12) _____ plastic.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **seafood** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
