

World Oceans Day

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- The Atlantic Ocean
- The Pacific Ocean
- The Arctic Ocean
- The Indian Ocean
- The Southern Ocean



Why Must We Protect the Oceans?

We must protect the oceans because lots of amazing animals live in them. But they are in danger from our plastic rubbish. The plastic rubbish takes a very long time to go away. Some plastic rubbish floats but most of it sinks to the ocean floor. It stays there for a very long time and harms the animals that live there.

How Can We Help?

We must put our rubbish in the bin or recycle it where we can. We must never litter because it might end up in the oceans.

Questions

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- 2008
- 8th June
- five

2. When did World Oceans Day start? Tick one.

- 1992
- 2002
- 2020

3. How many world oceans are there? Tick one.

- five
- four
- three

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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.

When Is It?

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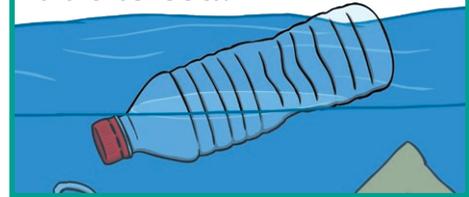
What Are the World's Oceans Called?

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

- the Atlantic Ocean
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Did You Know...?

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



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.

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- every month
 every year
 in June

2. How many world oceans are there? Tick one.

- four
 fifty
 five

3. Look at the **Why Do We Need to Protect the Oceans?** section.

Draw **three** lines to match the sentences:

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Most plastic rubbish ●

All rubbish ●

● sinks to the ocean floor.

● floats.

● is a problem in our oceans.

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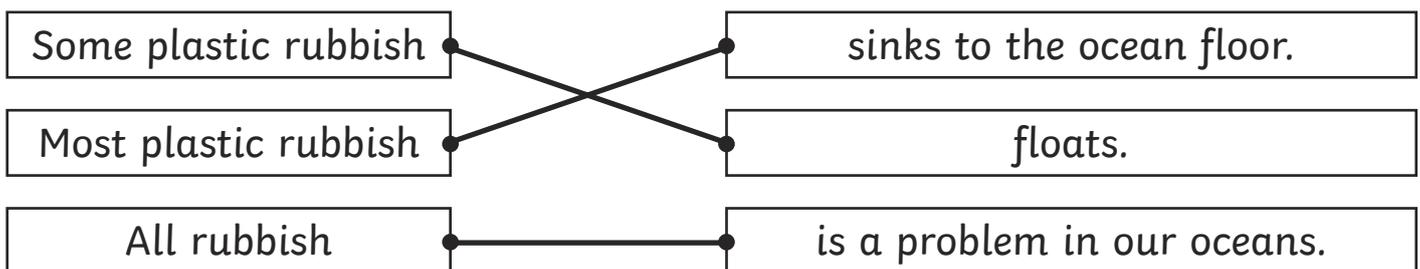
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protect

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World Oceans Day

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Greater than two-thirds of the Earth's surface is water so it is a very important part of our planet.

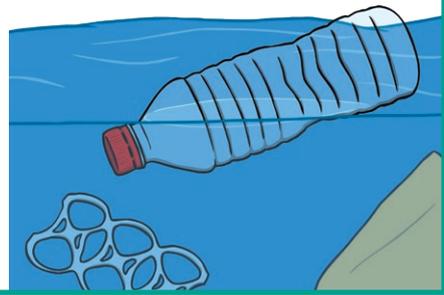
Why Do We Need to Protect the Oceans?

Human activity is causing our environment to change. Sadly, there is a lot of plastic pollution from rubbish that was not disposed of properly and this enters our oceans. Rubbish in the sea is called **marine** litter. Some of it floats and causes problems for animals such as seabirds, fish, seals and dolphins. Most of the rubbish sinks to the ocean floor and stays there for a very long time.

As our climate changes so do the oceans. When temperatures rise, polar ice melts and sea levels go up. This changes life for sea creatures and also for humans living in many countries close to the **coastline**.

Did You Know...?

A plastic bottle can last about 450 years in the sea. It slowly breaks up into miniscule pieces but these never completely disappear.



Where Does Marine Litter Come From?

Most **marine** litter comes from people on land. Some people leave litter on the beach, flush it down the toilet or drop it in a river. This litter ends up in the oceans.



How Can We Help?

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Glossary

coastline the land along a coast (by the sea)

marine found in the sea

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- a day to connect the five oceans
 a day that happens every year on 8th June
 a day to help everyone to look after the world's oceans

2. Fill in the missing word.

There are _____ oceans which are connected with each other.

3. Look at the **Why Do We Need to Protect the Oceans?** section.

Put **three** ticks in the table to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**. The first one has been done for you.

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Sea levels are going down because temperatures are rising.		

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Find and copy the word which means the same as 'very small'.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I don't think that it is OK to leave your empty drinks bottle on the beach because it will end up in the sea and cause problems for animals. It also lasts about 450 years.