



# Buy. Use. Toss.

Shopping and services: responsible consumption

Classroom presentation



# Talk about the last item you threw away.

- 1 What is it made of? Where is the material from?
- 2 Where was it manufactured?
- 3 How did it travel from there to you?
- 4 How long did you use it for?
- 5 What did you do with it when you threw it away?
- 6 What happened to it after that?







## Plastic bottle: my story

The first thing I remember is coming out of a very hot machine. I was in a long line of hundreds of bottles the same as me ...

- ❑ After a few days there, we were taken in another lorry to a supermarket.
- ❑ Two days later, we were unwrapped and I was put on a shelf in the shop. I wasn't there long before I was quickly put in a shopping basket and bought.
- ❑ And that's where I am now, and where I will still be in hundreds of years' time. Just floating around.
- ❑ I didn't get to the person's house. It was a hot day, so they drank my water outside the supermarket. I was thrown away, in a bin in the supermarket car park.
- ❑ I floated in the water all the way to the sea. After many weeks and months slowly drifting, I ended up in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, with lots of other bottles.
- ❑ I was filled with water and given a label. Then I was wrapped in plastic with many other bottles and we were put in a big lorry and went on a very long journey.
- ❑ On the journey to the rubbish dump, there was a bump! The bag I was in fell out into the road. Then a car hit us and I was thrown into a river. I quickly lost my label in the water.
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- ❑ We were taken to a big building with thousands of other bottles, cans, packets and boxes.







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a rubbish  
dump

a bin lorry





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a shopping  
basket

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a drinks can







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rubbish bags











bins





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label



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*was/were + past participle*



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## Discuss the questions in groups

1. How much is a bottle of water? Does that include the cost of cleaning it up in 400 years' time?
2. What problems are caused by having lots of plastic in the oceans and in the countryside?
3. Whose responsibility is it to clean it up?
  - The people who buy the products?
  - The companies who insist on selling their products in plastic?
  - The governments for allowing companies to use plastic in this way?
4. What can we do to reduce the amount of plastic on the planet?



# My action plan

To reduce the amount of plastic in the world, I'm going to ...

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# Thank you



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