

COMPREHENSION

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THE COMPREHENSION DOJO

By Vocabulary Ninja



8 Core Skills

Welcome Grasshopper! To the The Comprehension Dojo by Vocabulary Ninja! Much like a standard Dojo, The Comprehension Dojo is a place where reading skills can be acquired, practised, and in time...mastered!

We all know it is nearly impossible to fit in everything we need to in a school day, and reading often ends up becoming the poor relation in terms of time spent. The Comprehension Dojo will help schools embed reading skills into foundation subject and topic subjects, as well as increase topic subject knowledge. Win, Win!

Comprehension Dojo packs have been created to give pupils opportunities to learn and master essential reading retrieval skills that they will encounter in KS1 and KS2 SATs. Questions have been designed to closely match SATs questions.

In this pack you will find a high-quality non fiction text and 8 different reading retrieval activities based on the 8 core comprehension skills. These can all be printed and easily turned into a handy booklet. All answers have been provided too, reducing teacher workload!

KEY SKILL 1 - SKIM AND SCAN

Reading comprehension relies on how efficiently a pupil can navigate a text and locate information.

The ability to skim and scan is therefore vital.

Skim - Try to remember a general area, use headings and topic sentences to locate the correct paragraph or section of the text.

Scan - Once the correct section has been located, pupils then scan that paragraph to locate a **KEYWORD** that was identified/used in the question (Be careful, as this could be a synonym of different tense).

Pupils should then read the sentences before, in and after to retrieve/locate the answer or information.

KEY SKILL 2 - KEYWORDS

Train pupils to identify a keyword in a question. A keyword is usually a topic specific word/phrase that stands out in the question. By identifying this word and then locating it, pupils will locate the information that they require to answer the question.

Example: When did **education** become important?

Education would be considered the key word, pupils should then use **KEY SKILL 1** to locate the keyword in the text. Pupils must then read the surrounding sentences carefully to determine the correct answer.

Beware: Pupils will often just read on from the key word. Teach them to read the sentence the word is in and even the sentence before!

- Matching
- Sequencing
- Fill in the Gap
- Find and Copy
- Multiple Choice
- Underline
- Label
- True or False



'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'



BOOKLET

The following pages have been organised so that the resource can be printed two-sided as a stapled booklet.

Only print pages 4 to 9 to print the booklet.



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VOCABULARY NINJA - READING SKILL LEVEL

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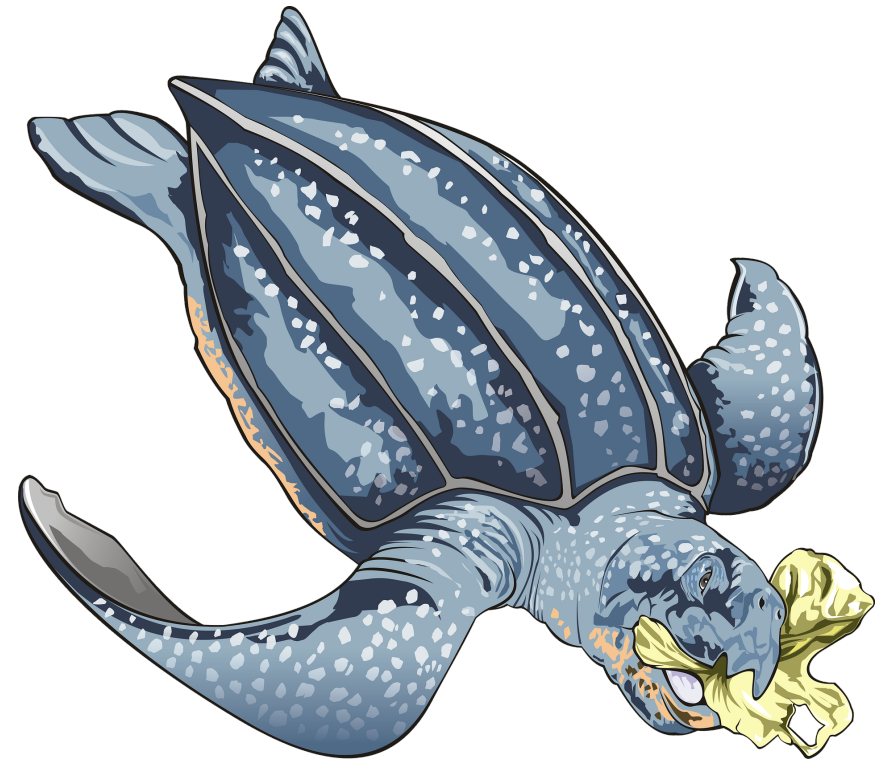
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The Problem:

Plastic is extremely versatile and can be coloured, shaped, sized and reused again and again, making it popular for many daily amenities from drinking water to manufacturing vehicles. This means there is a lot of plastic in the world but it is not biodegradable (it does not break down into the environment easily), it does not rot like paper or food. More than eight million tons of plastic enters the Earth's oceans each year. Experts think that by 2050, the amount of plastic will weigh more than all of the fish in the ocean. When plastic does breakdown into small parts over hundreds of years, the small particles may be eaten by small marine animals, which in turn are eaten by larger marine animals and so, all marine life may become infected with plastic. As humans eat some marine animals, we may be eating fish with minute particles of plastic in them.

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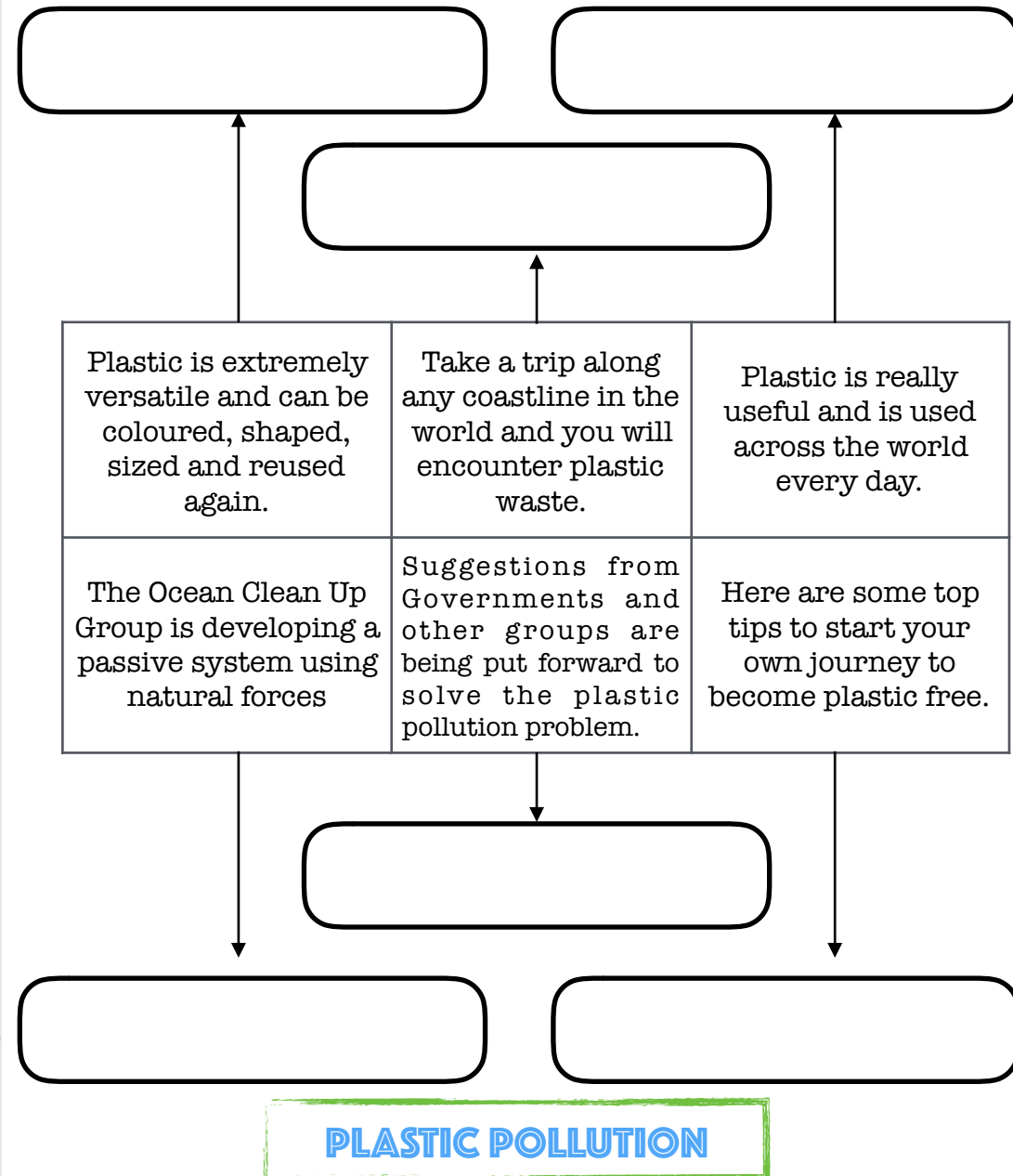
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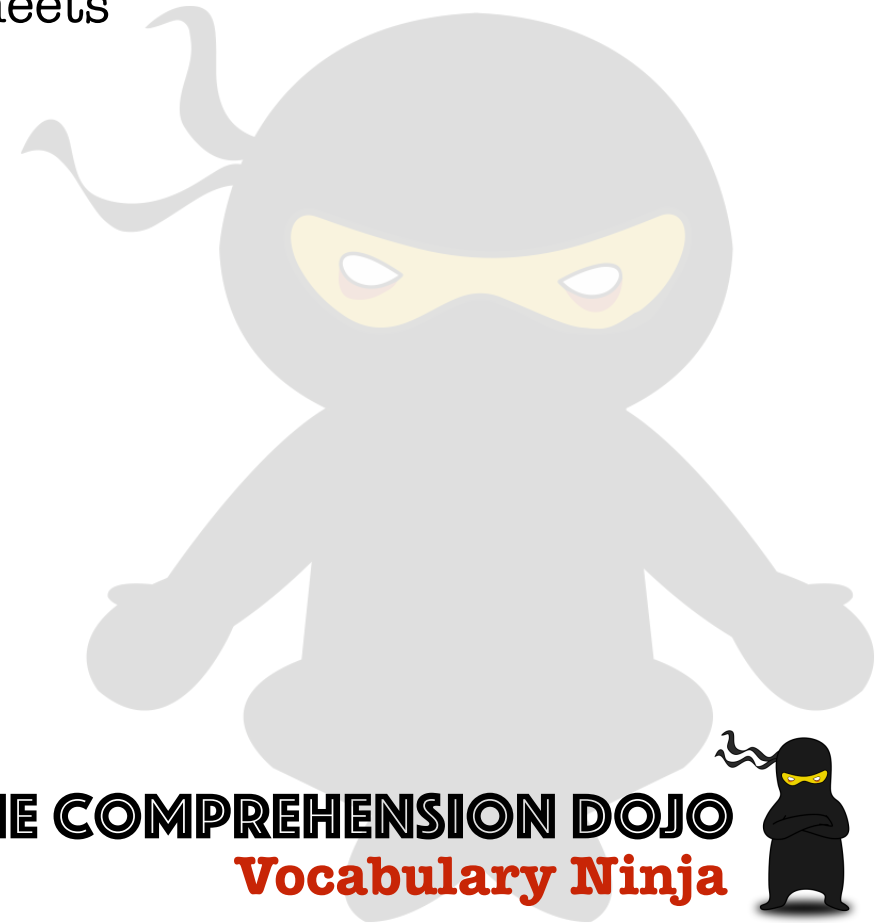
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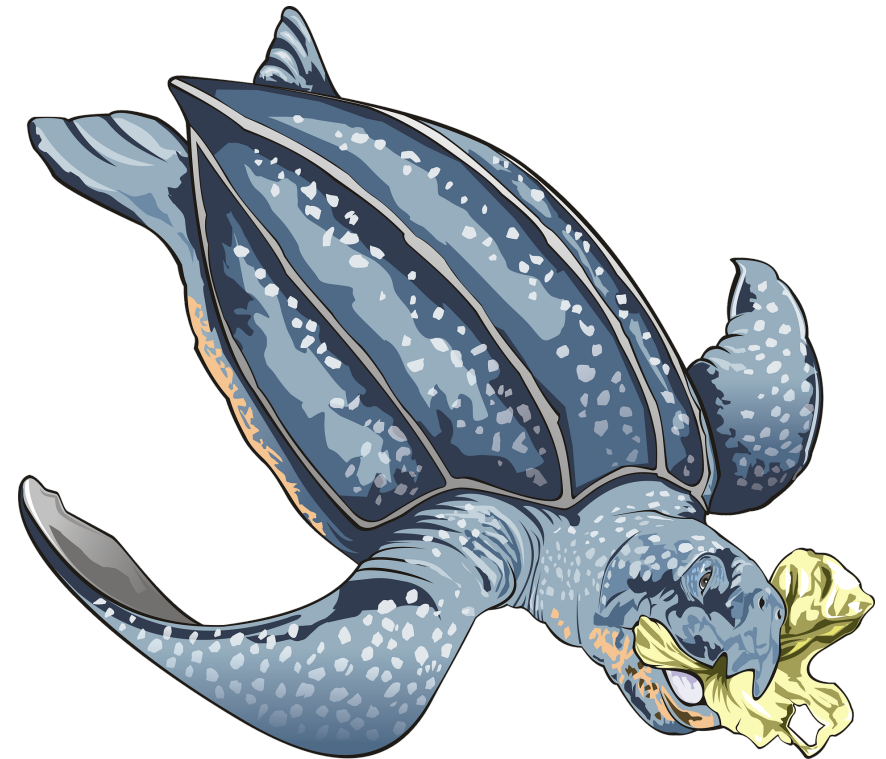
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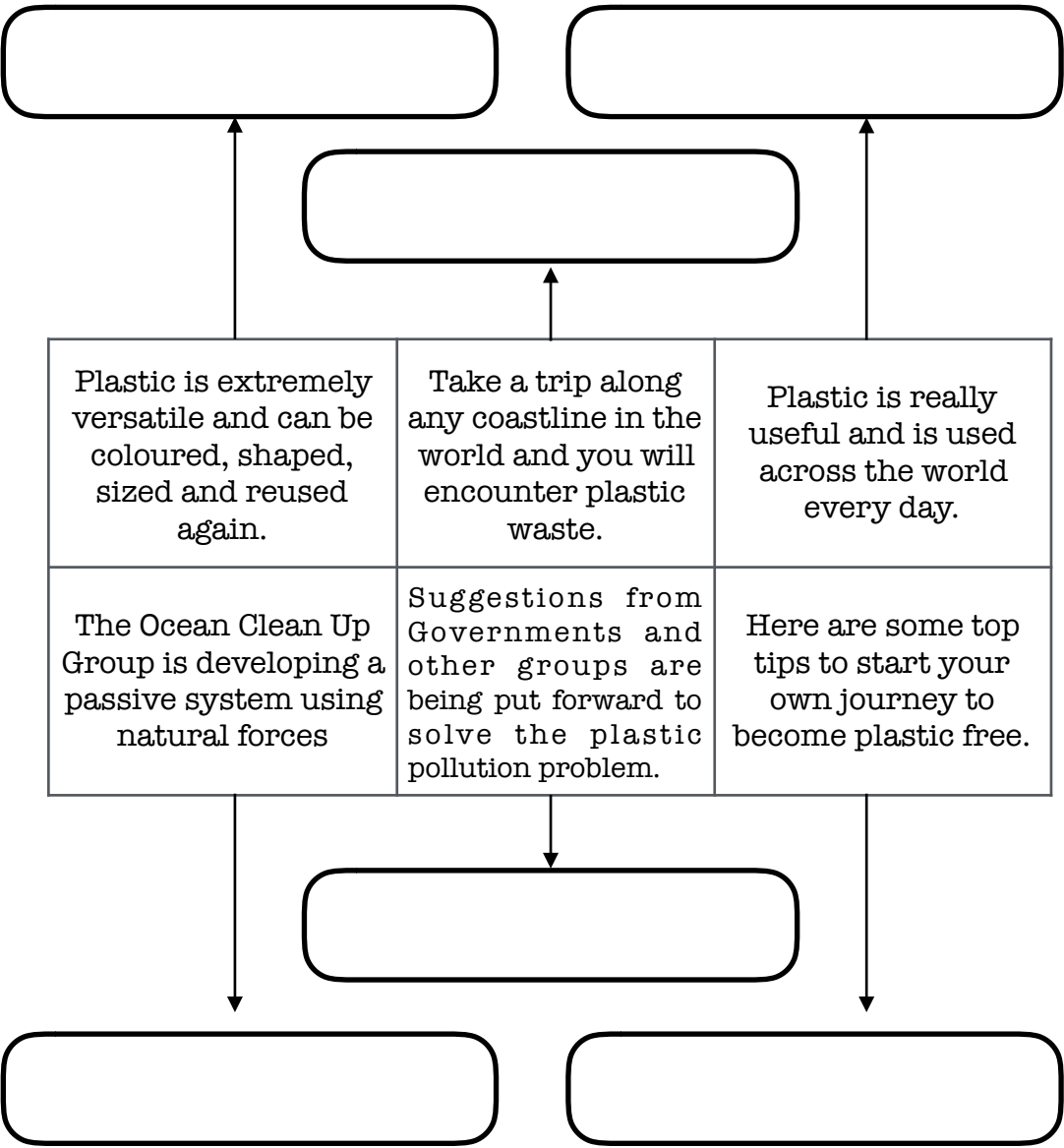
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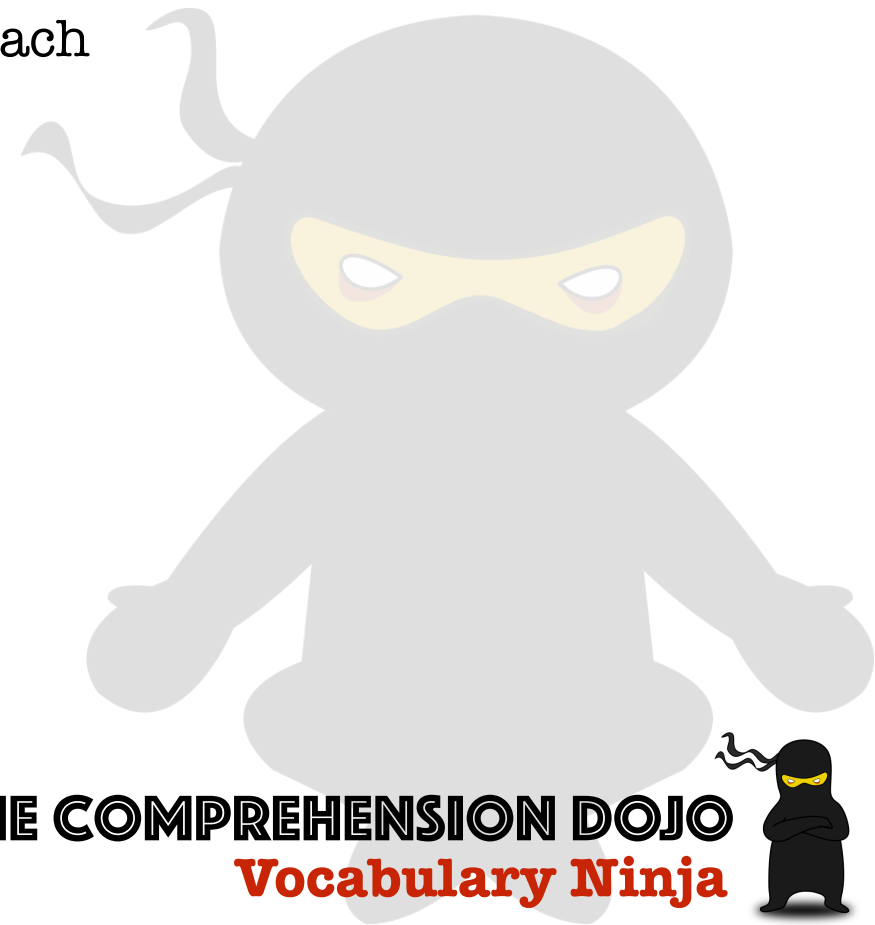
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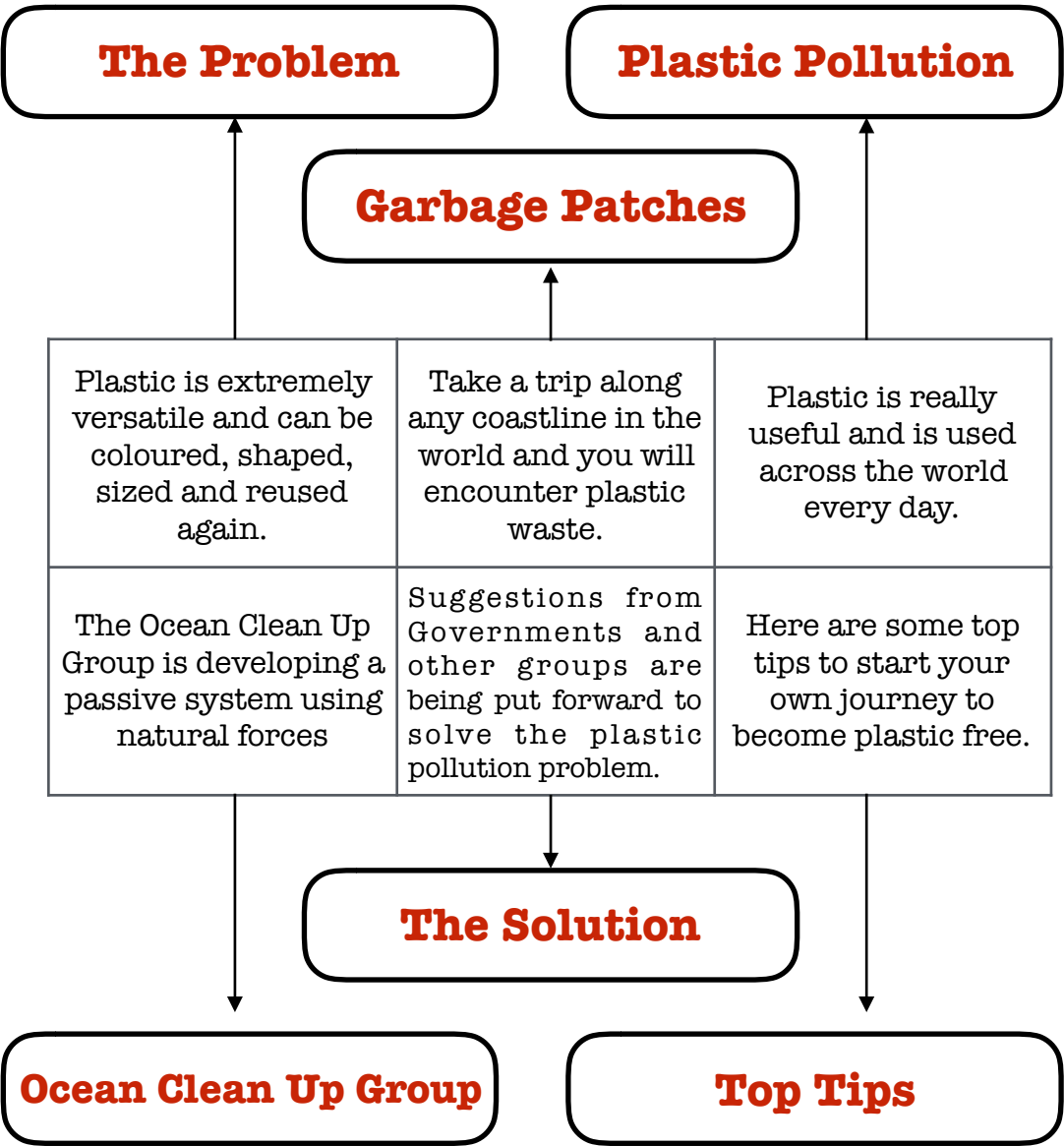
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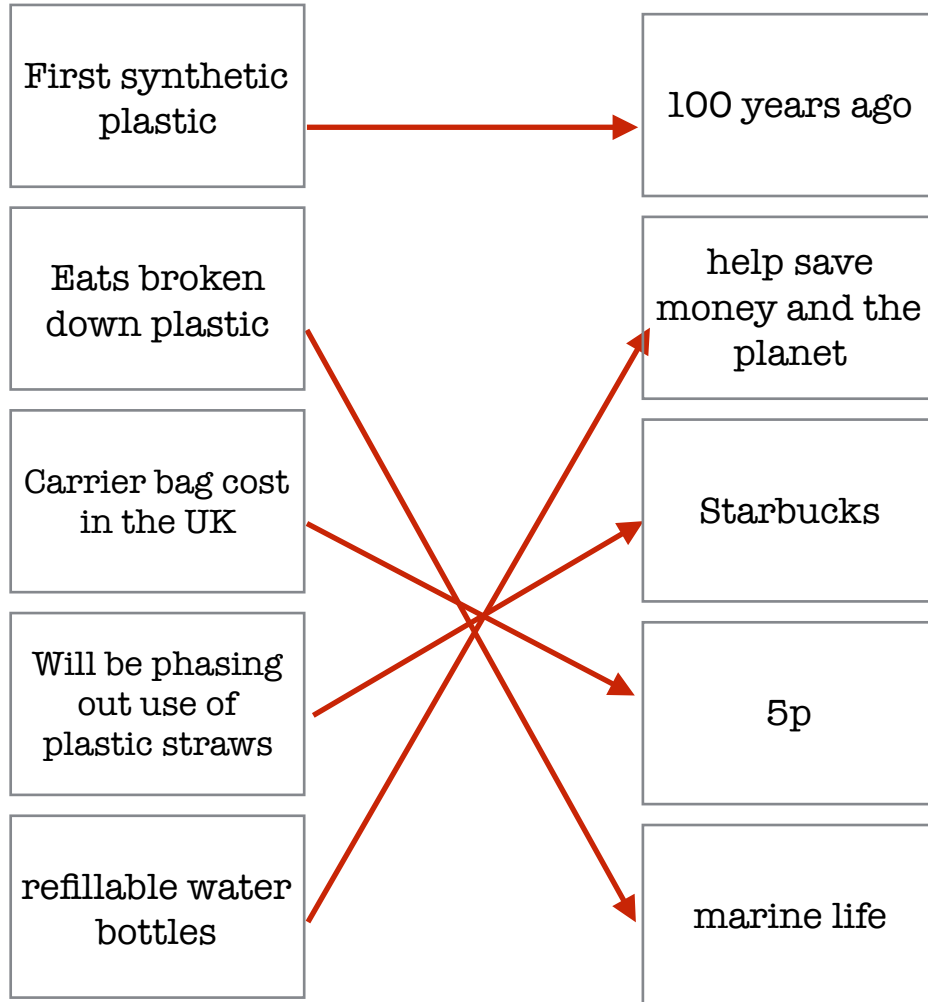


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4. Look at the 'The Solution' paragraph. **Find and copy** a word that suggests more and more of something is happening.

increasingly _____

5. Look at 'Ocean Clean Up Group'. **Find and copy** a word that refers to animals that live independent of humans.

wildlife _____

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SEQUENCING

Sequencing requires pupils to put events/information in chronological or other specific order.

FIRST



LAST

Draw a line to identify the order in which events occur in the text.

1st	Plastic bags are now sold in the UK for 5p
2nd	8 Million tons of plastic enter the ocean each year
3rd	Enormous vortex of plastic waste in the ocean close to Hawaii
4th	A trip along the coastline and you will encounter plastic
5th	Plastic is easy to mould and shape

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Ninja Tip:

Find these facts in the text!
Then put numbers next to them
in the order that they happen!

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Multiple choice requires pupils to choose from a range of options. They must refer back to the text to find the key information.

1. Scientists have been studying ocean garbage patches since:
(Circle one answer).

1960's

1970's

1980's

1990's

2. By what year do experts think that there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish: (Circle the answer).

2020

2030

2040

2050

3. Which is one of the easiest ways to avoid plastic:
(Circle one answer).

recycling
waste

dining in

not eating

use local
stores

4. Micro beads have been banned in the use of: (Circle the answer).

face scrubs
and
toothpaste

food

food
packaging

manufacturing

5. For many years, plastic has been discarded in : (Circle the answer).

bins

rivers

landfills

fields

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