

Plastics quiz

1. How many tonnes of plastic waste are produced in the UK each year?
A) 300 tonnes B) 3000 tonnes **C) 3 million tonnes**
2. How many plastic bottles are disposed of in the UK each year
A) 9.2 million **B) 9.2 billion** C) 9.2 trillion
3. Worldwide, what percentage of plastic packaging is recycled?
A) 2% **B) 14%** C) 50%
4. Of this how much is upcycled (remade into the same product) rather than down cycled (made into something inferior, eg insulation, carpets)
A) 2% B) 30% C) 60%
5. If things continue as they are, when is predicted there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean?
A) 2100 B) 2500 **C 2050**
6. Which of these statements is true
A) To tackle the plastic problem... the best thing to do is to recycle plastics-
False this only delays the time it takes to go to landfill
B) To tackle the plastics problem, the best thing to do is to do participate in beach cleans regularly. *False; although this is a great way of reducing the amount of plastic that can damage wildlife, it doesn't stop plastics entering the oceans.*
C) To tackle the plastic problem *the best thing to do is to reduce the amount of plastics that we use.* True

BONUS 2 points

7) Give an example of an alternative to a single use plastic drinking bottle.

e.g.re-usable bottle (plastic or otherwise), compostable plastic , e.g. corn-starch/ bamboo, bottle deposit scheme, other material more easily recycled, e.g. metal, glass...