

COMPRESIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS (CTE)

WORD SELECTION. Choose the word that best fits from the box below to fill in the gaps. There are TWO extra words you will not need.

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| quantity | only | rubbish | sick | bags |
| other | <u>surface</u> | bad | species | |

Plastic Pollution

A sea turtle swims through the water and sees something floating near the **(0) surface**.

The sea turtle thinks it's food, so it swallows it. But the floating object is not food at all - it's a plastic bag that could make the sea turtle **(1)** _____ .

This sea turtle isn't alone: Over 700 **(2)** _____ of marine animals have been reported to have eaten or been covered in plastic. Scientists think that the **(3)** _____ of plastic in the ocean might triple by 2050. However, by understanding the problem and taking action, you can help stop this from happening.

However, not all plastic is **(4)** _____. Bike helmets, air airbags, and many medical supplies made with plastic save lives. Plastic water bottles can bring clean drinking water to people who don't have it.

But the truth is that there's a lot of **(5)** _____ in the ocean. Scientists think that 8.8 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year - that's as if you put together five plastic grocery bags full on top of each **(6)** _____ along every coastline in the world.

KEY

- 1) sick
- 2) species
- 3) quantity
- 4) bad
- 5) rubbish
- 6) other