

What really happens to the plastic you throw away?

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https://www.ted.com/talks/emma_bryce_what_really_happens_to_the_plastic_you_throw_away/transcript?subtitle=en and do exercises below.

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I Match the words with definitions.

1 pellet	a) to press something firmly, especially from all sides in order to change its shape, reduce its size, or remove liquid from it:
2 eternally	b) a small, rounded, compressed mass of a substance.
3 debris	c) to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid, or to cause something to do this
4 to shred	d) in a way that lasts forever or for a very long time
5 to melt	e) broken or torn pieces left from the destruction of something larger
6 to squeeze	f) to cut or tear something roughly into thin strips

II Answer the questions.

1 What kind of molecules were used to form plastic?

2 Use these words and describe how plastic is made.

molecules / long polymers / be bond

3 What happens to the Bottle 1?

- How long does it take for Bottle 1 to decompose?

4 What happens to the Bottle 2?

- What is the Great Pacific garbage Patch?

- Why do animals starve to death after eating plastic bits?

- How can people eat plastic bits in the end?

5 What are micro plastics?

6 What happens to the Bottle 3?

- Why is this Bottle's journey described as the best one?

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