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A **hobby** is a regular activity that is done for enjoyment, typically during one's leisure time. Hobbies can include collecting themed items and objects, engaging in creative and artistic pursuits, playing sports, or pursuing other amusements. A [list of hobbies](#) is lengthy and always changing as interests and fashions change.

(from Wikipedia)



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Task A1: Do you have a hobby? Is there some activity you're passionate about which takes up a great deal of your sparetime? If not, are you thinking of getting a hobby? Write an essay about the pros and cons of having a hobby.

Headline: Having a hobby

Task A2: There's a huge difference between being a collector of something, that fascinates you and not being able to throw anything away. Some people are quite passionate collectors of something specific fx butterflies, stamps or pencils. Write an essay about the pros and cons of being a collector.

Headline: Collecting



How plastic pollution is affecting seals and other marine life

17 November 2017

Microplastics, abandoned fishing gear and other plastic pollution are among our biggest environmental threats. It's hurting sea animals and making them sick

Plastic waste is littering our oceans and threatening the lives of millions of marine animals. Seals, whales, dolphins, seabirds, fish, crabs and many other sea animals are dying and becoming sick because of this deadly environmental concern.

Microplastics are a major part of the issue. Microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic which come from larger plastics that have degraded over time.

Sea animals often eat microplastics because of their small size. And plastic contains toxic chemicals, which can **increase the chance of disease and affect reproduction**. After ingesting microplastics, seals, and other animals, may suffer for months or years before they die.

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In 2014, an estimated **15 to 51 trillion microplastic particles** were floating in the world's oceans, weighing between 93,000 and 236,000 tonnes.

What is ghost gear and how is it connected to microplastics?

Ghost gear is the name given to fishing equipment which has been abandoned or lost in the sea. Nets and other man-made equipment can entangle and kill whales, dolphins, turtles, seals and other sea animals.

It's likely that as the volume of ghost gear in our oceans increases, the volume of microplastics will increase too. We urgently need more research to understand how ghost gear contributes to the microplastics problem.

But we do know more and more fishing gear is being left in our oceans, and as this breaks down into microplastics, more animals could be poisoned.

What we're doing

We set up the Global Ghost Gear Initiative (GGGI) which brings together governments, private-sector companies and non-governmental organisations to tackle the problem. We want to **clear our oceans of ghost gear and stop more going in**. And we want to do this in a sustainable way.

Find out more and [support our Sea Change work](#).

Task B2 Write a story on the subject of plastic pollution in our oceans. Let the picture of the strangled oystercatcher inspire you.

Headline: (Make up your own)

80% of microplastics are from land-based sources, like bottles and bags.



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Each year, **640,000** tonnes of lost and abandoned fishing equipment threatens sea life.



Task B1 Read the article off the World Animal Protection site and comment on their goal to “clean out oceans of ghost gear and stop more going in”. Do you have any ideas how the problem can be solved?

Headline: Plastic in the oceans

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There is no Frigate like a Book (1286)

BY [EMILY DICKINSON](#)

There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away
Nor any Coursers like a Page
Of prancing Poetry –
This Traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of Toll –
How frugal is the Chariot
That bears the Human Soul –

Emily Dickinson, "There is no Frigate like a Book" from (02138: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press,)

Emily Elizabeth Dickinson

(December 10, 1830 – May 15, 1886) was an American poet.

TASK C1

Read the poem. What is it about? What does it mean?

American teenagers tend to like this poem as well as others by Emily Dickinson very well, why do you think that is?

Headline: *The Frigate*