

Coastal Debris (English – Creative Writing)

KS1

Often on our beach cleans we find litter, not just the litter that has been left on the beach, but litter washed from inland, down the rivers and out to sea. Any rubbish we throw away on land can end up in the ocean.

As well as this, any rubbish thrown away here in the UK can travel all over the world. The crisp packet you might throw on the ground could eventually make its way over to America. This is because all the oceans are connected.



Write a story describing the journey of a plastic bottle. This plastic bottle was thrown away in a busy city inland, next to a polluted river. Tell the story of how it makes its way from the city and out to sea.

Where does the plastic bottle end up? How far does it travel? What sea creatures might it encounter along the way? Does it get eaten by a sea creature mistaking it for food?

Bring the plastic bottle to life by writing your story as if you were the plastic bottle:

- Is there a problem you encounter along the way? How do you solve this problem?
- Before writing, use a story planner or mountain to help you think about the beginning, middle and end of your story.
- Make your sentences super by using exciting verbs and adjectives.

After finishing your story, why not draw a scene from your story or create a poster encouraging people to use reusable items instead of single-use plastic!