

Coastal Debris (English – Creative Writing) KS2

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 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 Florida. This is because all the oceans are connected.



Write a story describing the journey of a piece of plastic pollution. It could be a plastic water bottle, bag or food wrapper. This piece of plastic 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 item end up? How far does it travel? What sea creatures might it encounter along the way? Does it accidentally cause them harm?

- Bring the piece of plastic to life by writing your story in first person, from the plastic item's point of view.
- Is there a dilemma they encounter along the way? How is it resolved?
- Before writing, use a story planner or mountain to help you think about the main events of your story.
- Engage your reader by using a variety of sentence starters and include interesting vocabulary (powerful adjectives, verbs and adverbs).

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!