

Why It Is Important to Keep Our Oceans Clean

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Questions



1. What do the tiny plants in the ocean produce?



2. **...oceans also provide food for many creatures.**

What do you think that the word 'provide' means in this sentence?



3. Why do you think that many animals eat plastic?



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Answers



1. What do the tiny plants in the ocean produce?

The tiny plants in the ocean produce oxygen.



2. ...oceans also provide food for many creatures.

What do you think that the word 'provide' means in this sentence?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that 'provide' means 'makes'.



3. Why do you think that many animals eat plastic?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that many animals eat plastic because it looks like the food that they normally eat so they eat it by mistake.



4. Sum up why it is important to keep our oceans clean in 25 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: It is important to keep the oceans clean for the animals that depend on them, that live in them and for oxygen that humans breathe.