



Ocean Pollution

Grade 8 Science Worksheet

Instructions: Read the information and answer the questions below. Write your answers in the spaces provided. Use complete sentences where required.

What is Ocean Pollution?

Ocean pollution is the introduction of harmful substances such as plastics, chemicals, oil, and waste into the ocean. These pollutants can come from land, ships, or even the air. Most ocean pollution starts on land and is carried to the sea by rivers, wind, or rain.

Pollution harms marine life, damages ecosystems, and can even affect human health. Plastic waste is especially dangerous because it does not break down easily and can be mistaken for food by sea animals. Reducing ocean pollution is important for protecting our planet's health.

1 List three types of pollutants commonly found in the ocean.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2 Explain one way plastic pollution harms marine animals.

3 Describe two actions people can take to reduce ocean pollution.

a.

b. _____

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In your opinion, why is it important to protect the ocean from pollution? Support your answer with at least one reason.

Reflection:

Draw or describe one thing you can do in your daily life to help reduce ocean pollution.