

Litter can be found on any beach in Sussex, the UK or even the world.



Litter left on the beach can get washed out to sea. On the beach and in the ocean, it is dangerous to my marine animal friends because they can mistake it for food and choke on it! Help out my friends by always picking up your litter. Always leave the beach cleaner than you found it

Litter – especially plastic – can last for a very long time on the beach and in the ocean without breaking down, where it causes lots of problems for the animals that live there.

You can do your part to help by doing a beach clean every time you go to the beach. Take the litter you collect home and make sure to recycle it if you can!

Make sure to stay safe when collecting litter – wear gloves, don't pick up anything sharp and wash your hands well afterwards.

Most of these items are made of plastic and don't ever degrade. Once broken down, they stay in the environment as microplastics where they continue to do damage to marine animals.

Can you guess how long it takes each item to break down? Find the answers at the bottom of the opposite page – no peeking till you're done!

Score one point for each correct answer plus five bonus points when you do a beach clean!

- 600 years
- 450 years
- 200 years
- 100+ years
- 80-200 years
- 30 years
- 20 years
- 5 years
- Unknown



PLASTIC BAGS
Write your guess



ALUMINIUM DRINKS CANS
Write your guess



PLASTIC BOTTLES
Write your guess



TAKEAWAY COFFEE CUP
Write your guess



CIGARETTE BUTTS
Write your guess



FOOD WRAPPERS
Write your guess



FISHING LINE
Write your guess



GLASS BOTTLES
Write your guess



PLASTIC STRAWS
Write your guess



BEACH CLEAN SCORE

