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Teenagers win Earth Prize for microplastic 'magnet'

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

Three sixteen-year-olds from India have won this year's Earth Prize. This award is the world's largest environmental sustainability competition for teenagers. Teens can win by developing innovative solutions to global eco-challenges. The three Indian teenagers won by inventing a biodegradable powder made from old tamarind seeds. A tamarind is a tropical fruit that is used in sauces and desserts. The powder attracts microplastics when it is put in water. The microplastics stick together and form a mass that we can see. The mass of microplastics and powder can then be removed from the water with a magnet. The powder is a simple, cheap way to make water safer to drink in rural areas.

The three teenagers called their invention 'Plas-Stick'. They were extremely happy to win an award for it. They said: "Being named the global winners of the Earth Prize is incredibly special for all of us, especially as the first team from India to receive it." They added: "Tiny bits of plastic hide in our drinking water, but they're too small to see. We made a special powder from thrown-away tamarind seeds that acts like a magnet for these tiny plastics." Their website outlines another benefit. It said: "The collected plastic is safely turned into small useful items... so it can't return to nature. This simple method helps protect people, animals, and our planet from invisible plastic pollution."

Sources: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/3-teens-win-global-earth-prize-for-inventing-tamarind-powder-that-easily-removes-microplastics/>
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<https://www.telegraphindia.com/amp/edugraph/of-tamarind-seeds-and-microplastic-prnt/cid/2163540>

WARM-UPS

1. MICROPLASTICS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about microplastics. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

sixteen-year-olds / award / sustainability / teenagers / biodegradable / microplastics / invention / extremely happy / drinking water / tamarind / return to nature / planet

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SUSTAINABILITY: Students A **strongly** believe sustainability should be a core subject in all schools; Students B **strongly** believe that's not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ECO-CHALLENGES: How big are these challenges? What can we do about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Challenges	What We Can Do
Plastic pollution		
Climate change		
Biodiversity loss		
Deforestation		
Ocean Acidification		
Water pollution		

5. MAGNET: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "magnet". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DRINKING WATER: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest threats to drinking water at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Microplastics
- Factory waste
- Oil spills
- Dirty rivers
- Farm chemicals
- Sewage
- Garbage
- Not enough rain

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. award | a. Using things in a way that does not harm the future. |
| 2. sustainability | b. Something new that someone has made or created. |
| 3. competition | c. Using new and clever ideas. |
| 4. innovative | d. An event where people try to win by being the best. |
| 5. invention | e. An important prize that someone gets for doing something well. |
| 6. biodegradable | f. In the countryside, away from towns and cities. |
| 7. rural | g. Able to break down naturally and not harm the environment. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. extremely | h. Unable to be seen. |
| 9. tiny | i. Very, very, very. |
| 10. powder | j. An object that can pull some metals towards it. |
| 11. seeds | k. Things that make the environment dirty or harmful. |
| 12. magnet | l. A dry substance made of very small particles. |
| 13. invisible | m. Small parts of a plant that can grow into new plants. |
| 14. pollution | n. Very small. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The winners of a prize are three sixteen-year-olds from India. **T / F**
2. The Earth Prize is a sports competition. **T / F**
3. The teenagers made a special powder from seeds from a tropical fruit. **T / F**
4. The powder makes water look dirtier. **T / F**
5. The powder the students invented is called "Plastic Stick". **T / F**
6. The teenagers were not so happy about winning the award. **T / F**
7. Tiny bits of plastic in our drinking water are easy to see. **T / F**
8. The collected microplastic is turned into useful items. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. won | a. biggest |
| 2. largest | b. very, very small |
| 3. innovative | c. used |
| 4. old | d. easy |
| 5. simple | e. very |
| 6. called | f. keep safe |
| 7. happy | g. received |
| 8. extremely | h. named |
| 9. tiny | i. creative |
| 10. protect | j. pleased |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Three sixteen- | a. bits of plastic |
| 2. A tamarind is a tropical | b. microplastics |
| 3. The powder attracts | c. in rural areas |
| 4. be removed from the water with | d. people |
| 5. make water safer to drink | e. away tamarind seeds |
| 6. They were extremely | f. a magnet |
| 7. Tiny | g. useful items |
| 8. We made a special powder from thrown- | h. fruit |
| 9. plastic is safely turned into small | i. happy to win an award |
| 10. This simple method helps protect | j. year-olds from India |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

Three sixteen-year-olds from India have
(1) _____ this year's Earth Prize. This
(2) _____ is the world's largest environmental
sustainability competition for teenagers. Teens can win by
developing innovative (3) _____ to global eco-
challenges. The three Indian teenagers won by inventing a
biodegradable powder made from old tamarind
(4) _____. A tamarind is a tropical fruit that is
used in (5) _____ and desserts. The powder
(6) _____ microplastics when it is put in water.
The microplastics stick together and form a mass that we can see.
The mass of microplastics and powder can then be
(7) _____ from the water with a magnet. The
powder is a simple, cheap way to make water safer to drink in
(8) _____ areas.

attracts
seeds
award
rural
won
removed
sauces
solutions

The three teenagers called their (9) _____ 'Plas-
Stick'. They were extremely (10) _____ to win an
award for it. They said: "Being named the global winners of the
Earth Prize is (11) _____ special for all of us,
especially as the first team from India to
(12) _____ it." They added: "Tiny bits of plastic
hide in our drinking water, but they're too
(13) _____ to see. We made a special powder
from thrown-away tamarind seeds that acts like a
(14) _____ for these tiny plastics." Their website
outlines another benefit. It said: "The collected plastic is
(15) _____ turned into small useful items... so it
can't return to nature. This simple (16) _____
helps protect people, animals, and our planet from invisible plastic
pollution."

magnet
receive
method
happy
small
invention
safely
incredibly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

- 1) Teens can win by developing innovative solutions to _____
 - a. global eco-challenge is
 - b. global eco-challenge
 - c. global eco-challenges
 - d. global eco-challengers
- 2) A tamarind is a tropical fruit that is used in _____
 - a. sources and desserts
 - b. sauces and deserts
 - c. sources and deserts
 - d. sauces and desserts
- 3) The microplastics stick together and form a mass that _____
 - a. we can sees
 - b. we can seeing
 - c. we can seen
 - d. we can see
- 4) The mass of microplastics and powder can _____
 - a. then be removed
 - b. then been removed
 - c. them be remove
 - d. then be remove
- 5) The powder is a simple, cheap way to make water safer to drink _____
 - a. in rural area
 - b. in rural areas
 - c. in rurally arenas
 - d. in rural arenas
- 6) They were extremely happy to win an _____
 - a. award for it
 - b. awards for it
 - c. reward for it
 - d. reward four it
- 7) Being named the global winners of the Earth Prize is incredibly special for _____
 - a. all at us
 - b. whole of us
 - c. all of us
 - d. all of use
- 8) We made a special powder from thrown-away tamarind seeds that acts _____
 - a. likes a magnet
 - b. like a magnet
 - c. liked a magnet
 - d. likely a magnet
- 9) The collected plastic is safely turned into _____
 - a. small usefully items
 - b. small useful item
 - c. small use full items
 - d. small useful items
- 10) helps protect people, animals, and our planet from _____
 - a. invisible plastic polluted
 - b. invisible plastic pollutant
 - c. in visible plastic pollution
 - d. invisible plastic pollution

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

Three sixteen-year-olds from India (1) _____ year's Earth Prize. This award is the world's largest environmental sustainability (2) _____. Teens can win by developing innovative solutions to global eco-challenges. The three Indian teenagers won by inventing (3) _____ made from old tamarind seeds. A tamarind is a tropical fruit that is used in sauces and desserts. The powder (4) _____ it is put in water. The microplastics stick together and form a mass that we can see. The mass of microplastics and powder can then (5) _____ the water with a magnet. The powder is a simple, cheap way to make water safer to drink (6) _____.

The three teenagers (7) _____ 'Plas-Stick'. They were extremely happy to win an award for it. They said: "Being named the (8) _____ the Earth Prize is incredibly special for all of us, especially as the first team from India to receive it." They added: "Tiny bits of plastic (9) _____ drinking water, but they're too small to see. We made a special powder from thrown-away tamarind seeds that acts (10) _____ for these tiny plastics." Their website outlines another benefit. It said: "The collected plastic is safely turned into small useful items... so it can't (11) _____. This simple method helps protect people, animals, and (12) _____ invisible plastic pollution."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

1. Who can enter the Earth Prize competition?
2. What did the three Indian teenagers invent?
3. What is a tamarind?
4. How are the microplastics and powder removed from the water?
5. Why could this powder be useful in rural areas?
6. What is the name of the teenagers' invention?
7. How did the teenagers feel about winning the Earth Prize?
8. How many times has India now won the Earth Prize?
9. What do the collected microplastics not go back to?
10. What is the collected plastic turned into after it is removed?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

- 1) Who can enter the Earth Prize competition?
 - a) environmentalists
 - b) anyone
 - c) children
 - d) teenagers
- 2) What did the three Indian teenagers invent?
 - a) a new kind of water
 - b) a biodegradable powder
 - c) a new award
 - d) a tamarind seed
- 3) What is a tamarind?
 - a) an eco-challenge
 - b) a chemical
 - c) a desert
 - d) a tropical fruit
- 4) How are the microplastics and powder removed from the water?
 - a) with a filter
 - b) using paper
 - c) with a magnet
 - d) with the help of the Sun
- 5) Why could this powder be useful in rural areas?
 - a) It's peaceful.
 - b) There are many tamarind trees.
 - c) It's sunny.
 - d) It makes water safer to drink.
- 6) What is the name of the teenagers' invention?
 - a) Plastic Stick
 - b) Plaster Stick
 - c) Plas-Stick
 - d) Plus-Sticker
- 7) How did the teenagers feel about winning the Earth Prize?
 - a) extremely happy
 - b) excited
 - c) good
 - d) amazed
- 8) How many times has India now won the Earth Prize?
 - a) seven
 - b) two
 - c) one
 - d) three
- 9) What do the collected microplastics not go back to?
 - a) the shops
 - b) nature
 - c) oil
 - d) basics
- 10) What is the collected plastic turned into after it is removed?
 - a) useful items
 - b) seeds
 - c) chemicals
 - d) oil

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Microplastics

You think microplastics are the biggest threat to our drinking water. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): dirty rivers, farm chemicals or not enough rain.

Role B – Dirty Rivers

You think dirty rivers are the biggest threat to our drinking water. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): microplastics, farm chemicals or not enough rain.

Role C – Farm Chemicals

You think farm chemicals are the biggest threat to our drinking water. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): dirty rivers, microplastics or not enough rain.

Role D – Not Enough Rain

You think not enough rain is the biggest threat to our drinking water. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their threats aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): dirty rivers, farm chemicals or microplastics.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'prize' and 'microplastic'.

prize	microplastic
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• award• solutions• old• sauces• together• simple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• happy• incredibly• hide• acts• collected• protect
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MICROPLASTICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about microplastics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

MICROPLASTICS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'prize'?
3. Have you ever won a prize?
4. Should there be more awards for sustainability?
5. What eco-challenges do you know of?
6. What do you know about tamarind?
7. What do you think of the tamarind-seed powder?
8. Should teenagers be encouraged to invent things at school?
9. What problems do microplastics cause?
10. Do you worry about the safety of your drinking water?

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MICROPLASTICS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'microplastic'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the name 'Plas-Stick'?
15. Would you use this new invention?
16. What can we use instead of plastic?
17. What other types of pollution are you worried about?
18. What will the world be like if we use even more plastic?
19. What can we do to protect our planet from invisible pollution?
20. What questions would you like to ask the teenage prizewinners?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The three teenagers called their invention 'Plas-Stick'. They were (7) _____ happy to win an award for it. They said: "Being named (8) _____ global winners of the Earth Prize is incredibly special for all of us, especially as the first team from India to receive it." They added: "Tiny bits of plastic (9) _____ in our drinking water, but they're too small to see. We made a special powder from thrown-away tamarind seeds that acts like a magnet for (10) _____ tiny plastics." Their website outlines another benefit. It said: "The collected plastic is (11) _____ turned into small useful items... so it can't return to nature. This simple method helps protect people, animals, and our planet (12) _____ invisible plastic pollution."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) winner | (b) won | (c) wins | (d) winning |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) of | (d) that |
| 3. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) at | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) sourcing | (b) sauces | (c) saucers | (d) sources |
| 5. | (a) firm | (b) form | (c) farm | (d) frame |
| 6. | (a) rurally | (b) rear | (c) rural | (d) rearing |
| 7. | (a) extreme | (b) extremes | (c) extremely | (d) extremity |
| 8. | (a) a | (b) for | (c) the | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) hides | (b) hiding | (c) hidden | (d) hide |
| 10. | (a) these | (b) them | (c) there | (d) they |
| 11. | (a) safely | (b) safety | (c) safe | (d) save |
| 12. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) from | (d) of |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. this awdar is the world's largest
2. environmental utaibinliaysst competition
3. Teens can win by developing innovative isosuonlt
4. a tamarind is a oirtcalp fruit
5. the powder tatscart microplastics
6. make water safer to drink in rulra areas

Paragraph 2

7. teenagers called their noniivetn 'Plas-Stick'
8. they were xtremleye happy
9. iclyebridn special
10. their website outlines another ientfeb
11. so it can't return to nrteau
12. invisible plastic toolnuipl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and desserts. The powder attracts microplastics when it is put in water. The microplastics stick
- () award for it. They said: "Being named the global winners of the Earth Prize is incredibly special for all
- () away tamarind seeds that acts like a magnet for these tiny plastics." Their website outlines another
- () benefit. It said: "The collected plastic is safely turned into small useful items... so it can't return to
- () environmental sustainability competition for teenagers. Teens can win by developing innovative
- () from the water with a magnet. The powder is a simple, cheap way to make water safer to drink in rural areas.
- () nature. This simple method helps protect people, animals, and our planet from invisible plastic pollution."
- () of us, especially as the first team from India to receive it." They added: "Tiny bits of
- () plastic hide in our drinking water, but they're too small to see. We made a special powder from thrown-
- () powder made from old tamarind seeds. A tamarind is a tropical fruit that is used in sauces
- () solutions to global eco-challenges. The three Indian teenagers won by inventing a biodegradable
- () The three teenagers called their invention 'Plas-Stick'. They were extremely happy to win an
- (**1**) Three sixteen-year-olds from India have won this year's Earth Prize. This award is the world's largest
- () together and form a mass that we can see. The mass of microplastics and powder can then be removed

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

1. from have India prize sixteen-year-olds the Three won .
2. by can developing innovative solutions Teens win .
3. A biodegradable from made old powder seeds tamarind .
4. A fruit in is sauces that tropical used .
5. areas drink in Make rural safer to water .
6. an award extremely happy They to were win .
7. first from India it receive team The to .
8. bits hide in of our plastic Tiny water .
9. a Acts for like magnet plastics these tiny .
10. into is items Plastic safely small turned useful .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

Three sixteen-year-olds from India have *winner / won* this year's Earth Prize. This award is the world's largest environmental sustainability competition *for / to* teenagers. Teens can win by *development / developing* innovative solutions to *global / globally* eco-challenges. The three Indian teenagers won *at / by* inventing a biodegradable powder made from old tamarind seeds. A tamarind is a *tropical / tropically* fruit that is used in sauces and *desserts / deserts*. The powder *attracts / attractive* microplastics when it is put in water. The microplastics stick together and form a mass that we can *look / see*. The mass of microplastics and powder can then be removed from the water with a magnet. The powder is a simple, cheap way to make water safer to drink *on / in* rural areas.

The three teenagers called their *invent / invention* 'Plas-Stick'. They were *extremely / extreme* happy to win an award for *it / them*. They said: "Being named the global winners of the Earth Prize is incredibly *special / specialist* for all of us, especially as the *first / fast* team from India to receive it." They added: "Tiny bits of plastic *hidden / hide* in our drinking water, but they're too small to see. We made a special *power / powder* from thrown-away tamarind seeds that acts *like / likes* a magnet for these tiny plastics." Their website outlines another benefit. It said: "The collected plastic is safely turned *onto / into* small useful items... so it can't return to nature. This simple method helps protect people, animals, and our planet *from / to* invisible plastic pollution."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Thr__ s_xt__n-y__r-lds fr_m __nd__ h_v_ w_n th_s
y__r's __rth Pr_z_. Th_s _w_rd _s th_ w_rld's l_rg_st
_nv_r_nm_nt_l s_st__n_b_l_ty c_m_p_t_t__n f_r
t__n_g_rs. T__ns c_n w_n by d_v_l_p_ng __n_n_v_t_v_
s_l_t__ns t_ gl_b_l _c_-ch_ll_ng_s. Th_ thr__ __nd__n
t__n_g_rs w_n by _nv_nt_ng _ b__d_gr_d_bl_ p_wd_r
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tr_p_c_l fr__t th_t _s _s_d _n s__c_s __nd d_ss_rts.
Th_ p_wd_r _ttr_cts m_cr_pl_st_cs wh_n _t _s p_t _n
w_t_r. Th_ m_cr_pl_st_cs st_ck t_g_th_r __nd f_rm _
m_ss th_t w_ c_n s__. Th_ m_ss _f m_cr_pl_st_cs __nd
p_wd_r c_n th_n b_ r_m_v_d fr_m th_ w_t_r w_th _
m_gn_t. Th_ p_wd_r _s _ s_mpl_, ch__p w_y t_ m_k_
w_t_r s_f_r t_ drnk _n r_r_l _r__s.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260604-earth-prize.html>

three sixteenyearolds from india have won this years earth prize this award is the worlds largest environmental sustainability competition for teenagers teens can win by developing innovative solutions to global ecochallenges the three indian teenagers won by inventing a biodegradable powder made from old tamarind seeds a tamarind is a tropical fruit that is used in sauces and desserts the powder attracts microplastics when it is put in water the microplastics stick together and form a mass that we can see the mass of microplastics and powder can then be removed from the water with a magnet the powder is a simple cheap way to make water safer to drink in rural areas

the three teenagers called their invention plasstick they were extremely happy to win an award for it they said being named the global winners of the earth prize is incredibly special for all of us especially as the first team from india to receive it they added tiny bits of plastic hide in our drinking water but theyre too small to see we made a special powder from throwaway tamarind seeds that acts like a magnet for these tiny plastics their website outlines another benefit it said the collected plastic is safely turned into small useful items so it cant return to nature this simple method helps protect people animals and our planet from invisible plastic pollution

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MICROPLASTICS: Make a poster about microplastics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TEENAGE INVENTORS: Write a magazine article about creating more awards for teenage inventors. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on microplastics. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop them entering the environment. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. a	3. i	4. c	5. d
6. h	7. j	8. e	9. b	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Teenagers
2. A biodegradable powder
3. A tropical fruit
4. With a magnet
5. It makes water safer to drink
6. Plas-Stick
7. Extremely happy
8. One
9. Nature
10. Useful items

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Three sixteen-year-olds from India have won the prize.
2. Teens can win by developing innovative solutions.
3. A biodegradable powder made from old tamarind seeds.
4. A tropical fruit that is used in sauces.
5. Make water safer to drink in rural areas.
6. They were extremely happy to win an award.
7. The first team from India to receive it.
8. Tiny bits of plastic hide in our water.
9. Acts like a magnet for these tiny plastics.
10. Plastic is safely turned into small useful items.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)