

1 In the middle of the Caribbean Sea, a hundred kilometres from the nearest island, there's a sea of plastic. **As far as you can see**, there's plastic on the water. Plastic bottles, plastic boxes, plastic containers – all things that people have thrown away. Under all this plastic, fish and other sea animals try to live. **It's an ecological nightmare** – and we have made it.



2 Plastic waste is not only in the sea. There are millions of tons of plastic on beaches too. Some beaches have so much plastic that people can't walk there! But **it isn't all bad news**. For example, Versova Beach in India was a horrible place. A local businessman saw the beach and organised a huge beach clean-up. Hundreds of volunteers helped to pick up the plastic, and now Versova Beach is beautiful again.



3 **Fortunately**, beach clean-ups have become popular all over the world. In the UK, volunteers get together to clean up rivers, parks, forests and beaches. They're fun events – sometimes people wear fancy-dress costumes. It's great to watch Superman, Spider-Man and Wonder Woman clean the beach.

4 We've made some big mistakes with the environment, but people have started to make things better. **We can all join in** and help! – — — — — +



Glossary

container – pojemnik

environment – środowisko

fancy-dress costume – przebranie

pick up – zbierać

volunteer – ochotnik

Quiz – Let's put it right!

1 Sprawdź, co pamiętasz na temat sprzątania środowiska naturalnego. Zdecyduj, czy zdania 1–5 są prawdziwe (*True = T*), czy fałszywe (*False = F*). Zakreśl *T* lub *F*.

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| 1 There is a sea of plastic in the Caribbean Sea. | T / F |
| 2 Versova Beach in India had a lot of plastic waste on it. | T / F |
| 3 A businessman picked up all the plastic litter on Versova Beach. | T / F |
| 4 Sometimes people wear fancy-dress costumes to clean up places. | T / F |
| 5 It isn't possible to help the environment. | T / F |