

# An Urgent Message



If you're stranded on a desert island, you might set afloat a message in a bottle in hope of being rescued. But today, the ocean itself needs rescuing. Plastic bottles contribute to a huge pollution problem—especially in our seas. The plastic takes thousands of years to disintegrate. Meanwhile, it breaks into small bits that float together in massive garbage patches. It blocks sunlight, which harms the ecosystem. Some animals even die from eating the plastic.

Plastic bottles damage the environment in other ways, too. It takes oil to make plastic and more oil to transport the bottles. This depletes resources and adds to the pollution that causes climate change.

Everyone can help solve this problem by choosing reusable water bottles instead of disposable ones. Encourage your friends and teammates to bring their own water. You'll be sending a message in a bottle—to save the ocean—and the whole planet—from plastic waste.

These reusable water bottles are sharing their savvy. Unscramble the words to find fascinating facts.

1 OVER 780 MILLION PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE SAFE (KNISDINR) WATER.

2 LOTS OF PARKS, AIRPORTS, AND SCHOOLS HAVE WATER (TSATOINS) FOR FILLING REUSABLE BOTTLES.

3 LESS THAN HALF OF PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES IN THE U.S. GET (RCELYDEC) THE REST END UP IN LANDFILLS OR POLLUTE NATURE.

4 OVER HALF OF YOUR BODY IS WATER, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO DRINK PLENTY, ESPECIALLY WHEN BEING (VECATI)

5 IMAGINE FILLING A WATER BOTTLE WITH OIL. THAT'S ABOUT HOW MUCH IT TAKES TO MAKE AND (PARRTTNSO) IT.

6 SOME PLACES HAVE (DNENAB) THE SALE OF SINGLE-USE WATER BOTTLES.

7 MANY PLASTIC BOTTLES IN LANDFILLS ARE BURNED, RELEASING (CITXO) CHEMICALS INTO THE AIR.

8 LESS THAN 1% OF ALL WATER ON EARTH IS AVAILABLE TO DRINK. THE REST IS (TARSTALEW) OR FROZEN IN GLACIERS AND ICE CAPS.

