

'Should plastic be banned?'

At the moment, plastic pollution is a hot topic. There is a big debate currently taking place about whether we should get rid of plastic all together. This argument will look at the reasons for and against the use of plastic.

One good thing about plastic is that it lasts a long time, as a result you can use it longer than other materials. This indicates that toys and items made from plastic don't break easily and therefore adults can save money.

On the other hand, it is really bad because plastic takes 450-1,000 years to dissolve. There are 66.65M people in the UK hence if there are 66.65M bin bags full of plastic going to landfill every week we will run out of space to put it all in and accordingly the rubbish pollutes the land.

However, some plastic is recyclable for example: soft drink bottles, milk cartons, yoghurt pots and margarine tubs. These items can be turned into something else such as: garden furniture, clothing fibres, food containers and speed humps. As a result, less plastic is going to land fill and we are not polluting the planet.

Although, not all plastics are recyclable, for example: kitchen roll, coffee cups, straws, crisp packets, photo paper and wrapping paper (not paper). Therefore, we're still not recycling enough and still polluting the ground and the sea. Every year 1M marine sea creatures die from plastic pollution.

In conclusion, I would ban plastic but not ban recyclable plastic because then you can use that instead of nonrecyclable plastic. If people throw plastic in the ocean, I would fine them £1,000 for polluting and if they continue as a consequence, I would send them to jail for 6 years. 🐱