

INGLÉS

OPCIÓN A

Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully. Answer all the questions in English.

How many plastic bags do you use a week? Every year, millions and millions of them are produced, and they're a danger to the environment. But how can we reduce our dependence on the plastic bag?

The good news is that plastic bag use has dropped. However, the bad news is that we're still using 10 billion bags a year. Many supermarkets are trying to help us cut back. They're now charging for plastic bags and asking shoppers to come with shopping trolleys or re-usable bags. But even so, people are still using too many bags.

The big problem is that plastic bags damage the environment. They can be found everywhere across the planet. In fact, there are so many plastic bags in some parts of Africa that a cottage industry has started with locals using them to make hats. In other countries they are a major nuisance, especially when they block sewage systems.

The main problem is that bags just won't disappear. Some argue that they take up to 1,000 years to decompose. Enormous numbers end up in landfill sites or incinerators; but billions get into the environment, especially the marine environment, where they are a terrible threat to marine life. Sea turtles mistake them for jellyfish and choke on them; albatrosses mistake them for squid and die a similar death; even dolphins have been found dead with plastic bags blocking their blowholes.

So, will the world become plastic-bag-free one day? Maybe, if we start using reusable shopping bags.

2. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (1 point; 0.25 each)

- a) Decreased
- b) People who visit stores.
- c) do harm to
- d) obstructing

3. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. (2 points; 0.5 point each)

a) They're now charging shoppers for plastic bags.

Shoppers

b) Plastic bags damage the environment. They can be found everywhere across the planet.

Plastic bags, which

c) Dolphins have been found dead with plastic bags blocking their blowholes.

The text said that

d) So, will the world become plastic-bag-free one day?

The author wondered

Are these sentences True (T), False (F) or Doesn't Say (DS)? Justify your true or false answers with the text by ONLY using the needed part.

1. Plastic bag use has completely stopped, and no one uses them anymore.
2. Many supermarkets are now charging customers for using plastic bags.
3. Plastic bags decompose in less than 100 years.
4. Some marine animals mistake plastic bags for food and die as a result.
5. The text suggests that using reusable shopping bags could help make the world plastic-bag-free.