

## Turning plastic waste into art

These young people in Nigeria collect plastic waste and make it into art! Watch and see how they do it.

### Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

#### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

##### Vocabulary

1. .... to dispose of something
2. .... cement
3. .... an accessory
4. .... fishing line
5. .... wire
6. .... a mural
7. .... single-use
8. .... an estate
9. .... to protest
10. .... a mosaic

##### Definition

- a. a picture on the wall of a room or building
- b. something you wear that is not essential but is useful or looks nice
- c. to throw something away
- d. a group of houses or apartment buildings
- e. something you use to stick things together, usually in buildings
- f. a pattern made by using lots of small pieces of coloured glass, plastic, etc.
- g. strong plastic string that you use to catch fish
- h. strong thin metal thread used for fastening things
- i. something you just use one time
- j. to show that you disagree with something

#### Task 1

Circle the best answer.

1. What does the Greenfingers Changemakers group do?
  - a. They design and make things out of waste plastic.
  - b. They try not to use any plastic.
  - c. They grow flowers in their school.
  
2. Where does the Greenfingers Changemakers group collect plastic for their projects?
  - a. from a recycling centre
  - b. from the streets where they live
  - c. on the beach

3. What kinds of accessories do the group make?
  - a. earrings, bracelets and necklaces
  - b. hats and scarves
  - c. bags and purses
4. How much of the material used for their jewellery is waste plastic?
  - a. 50 per cent
  - b. 75 per cent
  - c. 95 per cent
5. What decoration did the group make for Christmas?
  - a. a Christmas tree
  - b. a snowman
  - c. a Santa
6. Why does the group make plastic dresses?
  - a. because they are fashionable
  - b. because they are cheaper than normal dresses
  - c. to show they don't agree with single-use plastic

## Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

cut out	cups	green plastic bottles	caps	wire
cement	recycle	patterns	single-use plastic	fishing line

1. To make a mural, the group mixes ..... and puts it on the wall. Then they stick bottle ..... onto the cement.
2. They use things like plastic ..... and ..... to make earrings, bracelets and necklaces.
3. They ..... different shapes and ..... from the plastic.
4. When they made the Christmas tree, they used ..... to fix ..... to a frame.
5. They made dresses to tell people to stop using ..... , or at least to ..... it.

## Discussion

What would you make from things people throw away?

## Answers

### Preparation task

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

### Task 1

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. a
6. c

### Task 2

1. cement | caps
2. cups | fishing line
3. cut out | patterns
4. wire | green plastic bottles
5. single-use plastic | recycle