

Answers:

1) What does the word *strewn* mean here?

The word strewn means that rubbish is scattered or spread untidily all over the place.

2) Why is the exact size of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch not known?

The exact size of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is not known because most of the debris is small, plastic particles that are floating just below or on the surface, so they cannot be seen from an aircraft or a satellite.

3) What impact is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch having on animals?

Marine animals and birds are dying because they are eating the plastic, mistaking it for food. Loggerhead turtles mistake plastic bags for sea jellies and albatross mistake the pieces of plastic for fish eggs and feed them to their chicks, which kills them.

4) How can we as humans be affected by the Great Pacific Garbage Patch?

Humans can be affected by the Great Pacific Garbage Patch by eating some of the seafood that has consumed the plastic and toxic chemicals. Jellyfish eat the plastic, then they are eaten by larger fish that are then consumed by people.

5) What does the word *refrain* mean here?

The word refrain means to stop doing something.

6) What changes do you think you could make in your everyday life to cut back on the amount of plastic packaging you use?

Answers will vary depending on personal opinions and experiences.

7) Does this article make you rethink the way you dispose of your rubbish? How?

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