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Level 4

Environmentalists call for worldwide ban on glitter

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171204-glitter-4.html>

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171204-glitter-4.html>

Scientists want to highlight the damage glitter does to our environment. They want a worldwide ban on the shiny plastic that decorates everything around us. Scientists say glitter is a micro-plastic and should be banned. A lot of glitter ends up in the world's oceans. Fish cannot digest glitter. It does not break down so it stays in the food chain. A professor found that plastic was discovered in about one-third of the fish caught around the United Kingdom.

Micro-plastics are less than five millimeters long. A professor told a newspaper: "I think all glitter should be banned because it's a micro-plastic." Another professor was worried after his daughters got some shower gel with glitter in it. He said it would, "escape down the plughole and...enter the environment". A cosmetics company will no longer use plastic glitter. It said: "We've avoided micro-plastics by switching to synthetic and mineral glitter."

Sources: <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/ban-the-glitter-scientists-calling-for-an-end-to-microplastics-20171202-gzxek1.html>
<https://globalcosmeticsnews.com/north-america/5415/environmental-scientists-call-for-glitter-ban-following-new-study>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. highlight the damage | a. down |
| 2. the shiny plastic that | b. digest glitter |
| 3. A lot of glitter ends | c. caught |
| 4. Fish cannot | d. decorates everything |
| 5. It does not break | e. discovered |
| 6. it stays in the food | f. glitter does |
| 7. plastic was | g. up in the world's oceans |
| 8. one-third of the fish | h. chain |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Micro-plastics are less than | a. use plastic glitter |
| 2. all glitter should | b. glitter in it |
| 3. Another professor was | c. and mineral glitter |
| 4. shower gel with | d. worried |
| 5. escape down | e. five millimeters long |
| 6. A cosmetics company will no longer | f. avoided micro-plastics |
| 7. We've | g. be banned |
| 8. switching to synthetic | h. the plughole |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ the damage glitter does to our environment. They want a worldwide ban on the shiny (2) _____ everything around us. Scientists say glitter is a micro-plastic and (3) _____. A lot of glitter ends up in the world's oceans. Fish (4) _____ glitter. It does not break down so it stays in (5) _____. A professor found that plastic was discovered in about one-third of the (6) _____ the United Kingdom.

Micro-plastics (1) _____ five millimeters long. A professor told a newspaper: "I think all glitter (2) _____ because it's a micro-plastic." Another professor was (3) _____ daughters got some (4) _____ glitter in it. He said it would, "escape down (5) _____ enter the environment". A cosmetics company will no longer use plastic glitter. It said: "We've avoided micro-plastics by (6) _____ and mineral glitter."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLITTER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about glitter in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

