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Quick Questions



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Answers



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biodegradable



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12 million tonnes



3. Sum up the main issues regarding plastic pollution in 20 words or less.

Accept any reasonable summary, which includes the key points of the text in 20 words or less.



4. By reducing excessive packaging, how would big corporations help stop plastic pollution in the ocean?

Accept any reasonable prediction exploring the link between the reduction of plastic packaging production and the amount of plastic pollution in the ocean.