

## Reading Guide A:

# What Happens to the Plastic We Throw Out

Website: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2018/06/the-journey-of-plastic-around-the-globe/?ngcourse>

1. Summarize how plastics can reach Henderson Island even though it is remote and uninhabited.

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2. Why do you think countries in Asia have challenges managing their plastic waste?

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3. Predict how you think this infographic would look if it measured mismanaged plastics *per person*, instead of total mismanaged plastics.

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4. Which do you think is more dangerous to marine organisms: one piece of plastic with a mass of 100 grams, or 100 pieces of plastic with a mass of one gram each? Explain why.

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5. How do the text and images in this resource work together to support your understanding of the issue? How can it serve as a model for your own unit project?

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6. When you return to your project group, what information can you share with them from this resource about how to update and improve your model of ocean plastic transport?

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