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Marine Debris Video Answer Key

Answer the following questions as you watch the NOAA National Ocean Service video “Marine Debris.”

1. What is marine debris? (any manufactured solid material that enters into the marine environment)
2. What are examples of marine debris? (lost fishing nets and gear, plastic, paper, cigarette butts)
3. Why is marine debris so dangerous to marine animals? (Animals can mistake it for food and it can fill them up so that they starve to death; toxins in the plastics and bacteria in the debris can accumulate in organisms and in the food chain; fishing line and rope can entangle organisms; lost fishing gear can trap animals until they die.)
4. How do people, even those who don't live by the ocean, contribute to the accumulation of marine debris? (Marine debris comes from all over and is connected to the ocean by streams, rivers, and ocean currents.)