

# Organic

Anything that is made of, or derived from living matter



# Inorganic

Anything not consisting of, or deriving from living matter



# Biodegradable

A substance or object capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms.



# Degradable

Material that will undergo a process of deterioration or breaking-up by the action of natural forces (air, light, water) or by the addition of certain chemicals.



# Decompose

Make or become rotten; decay or cause to decay.



# Recycle

To treat or process (used or waste materials) so as to make suitable for reuse.



# Littering

Make (a place or area) untidy with rubbish or a large number of objects left lying about.



# Fly-tipping

Illegal dumping of waste.



# Bio-plastics

A type of biodegradable plastic derived from biological substances rather than petroleum.



# Petro-chemicals

A chemical substance obtained from petroleum or natural gas.



# Great pacific garbage dump

A massive dump of floating rubbish in the Pacific Ocean. Also known as a trash vortex and plastic soup as it is made up of 90% plastics.

**MYTH:** There is a giant island of solid garbage floating in the Pacific.

**FACT:** There are millions of small and microscopic pieces of plastic floating over a roughly 5000 square km area of the Pacific. This amount has increased significantly over the past 40 years.



# Natural resources

The natural wealth of a country including land, forests and water.

Anything that people can use which comes from nature.

