

4 - MR. GARBAGE AND MRS. POLYTHENE



(A girl was talking to a heap of garbage)

Girl : Who are you? You smell so bad. I may fall sick.

Mr. Garbage : I am Mr. Garbage. I am found everywhere.



Girl : You look so ugly. What are you made of?

Mr. Garbage : I am made of vegetable peels, old and torn clothes, shoes, utensils, papers and anything useless that you throw away.

Girl : Where do you live Mr. Garbage?

Mr. Garbage : Dustbin is my home. You can also put me in a pit and cover it.

Girl : Then, why are you here?

Mr. Garbage : I am here because people throw me anywhere they like. If they put me in a pit and cover it, I may become useful for them.



Girl : How is that possible?

Mr. Garbage : There I mix with soil and turn into manure to grow rich crops for you.

Girl : That's good. But who is that?

Mr. Garbage : She is Mrs. Polythene.

Girl : Mrs. Polythene, She looks so pretty.



Mr. Garbage : Dear child, no doubt she is very pretty and useful. But do you know animals die if they swallow it. She is the most dangerous enemy of man.

Girl : In what way?

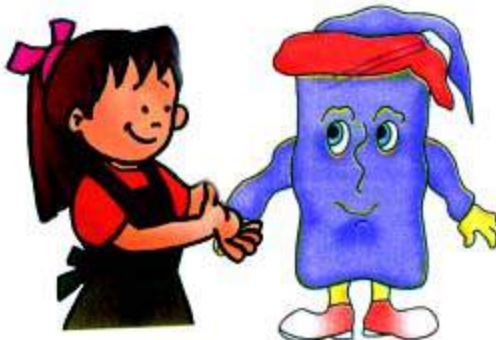
Mr. Garbage : Because she is made of plastic. As I told you I can mix with soil, but plastic never mixes with soil. It remains in the soil for a long time.

Girl : For how long?

Mr. Garbage : Almost forever!

Girl : But Mr. Garbage, plastic is everywhere. We use so many things made of plastic like toys, containers, computers, clothes, bags, etc.

Mr. Garbage : You are right. People use it because plastic can be moulded into any shape, and it does not break easily. But remember, it is not good for the environment.



Girl : Okay, I will remember this and also ask my family and neighbours to stop using plastic.

Mr. Garbage: Good. Then our earth will be a clean and a healthy place to live in.

New Words / Phrases

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
garbage	- /'gɑːbɪdʒ/	गार/बिज - कूड़ा/करकट
fall sick	- /fɔːlsɪk/	कॉल सिक - बीमार पड़ना
pit	- /pɪt/	पिट - गड्ढा
dangerous	- /'deɪndʒərəs/	डेनजरस - खतरनाक
utensils	- /'juːtənzɪz/	यूटंसिलस - बर्तन
torn clothes	- /tɔːn kləʊðz/	टो(र)न क्लोथ्स - फटे कपड़े
destroy	- /dɪ'strɔɪ/	डिस्ट्रॉय - नष्ट करना
manure	- /mɪ'nʃʊə(r)/	मैन्यूअर - खाद

Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions:

- List the items you throw in the dustbin as garbage.
- What are the items generally thrown as garbage which can be reused or recycled?
- How does garbage get mixed with soil and become useful for us?
- What happens to the animals when they swallow polythene bags?
- How is polythene dangerous for us?

2. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences:

- The garbage should be thrown _____.
 - in dustbins
 - here and there
 - in the classroom

ii. Garbage is made of ____.

- a. useful things
- b. useless things
- c. fresh things

iii. We should not use polythene because it ____.

- a. is a useless thing
- b. looks very pretty
- c. cannot be destroyed

Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in the box:

moulded, manure, heap, swallow

- a. I tried to ____ the tablet with water.
- b. Farmers add ____ to the soil.
- c. The potter ____ the clay into a pot.
- d. A ____ of newspapers is lying on the table.

2. Some items are given in the box. Separate them into biodegradable (which get mixed with the soil) and non-biodegradable (which do not get mixed with the soil) items.

paper, metal-plate, vegetable-peels, plastic-cups, woollen-clothes, glass, wooden-box, polythene, battery, cotton-clothes

3. Match the masculine gender given in column 'A' with its feminine gender given in column 'B':

A		B
tiger	-	mare
nephew	-	princess
peacock	-	niece
horse	-	tigress
prince	-	peahen

Language Practice

1. Make questions beginning with 'how', using the following table:

How	wide	is	the road?
	long		the river?
	far	is	your home from the school? the temple from here?
	tall	is	Amu?
	old		
	tall	are	you? they?
old			

Activity

» It is discussed in the chapter that we should not use polythene bags. What should we use in place of polythene bags? Make paper and cloth bags with the help of your teacher.

