

Life Cycle of Plastics Worksheet

#Eco360 **Activity 2 - What are Plastics?**

Instructions for Jigsaw Group Research:

- 1. Distribute the Life Cycle of Plastics Infographic to learners provided on the activity webpage, linked here.
- 2. After forming Jigsaw groups, assign one life cycle stage out of the five provided to each learner in a Jigsaw group for research. Following instructions on the activity, have learners complete the research.
- 3. Have learners record their research in this worksheet under the life cycle stage assigned:
 - a. Feedstock
 - b. Plastic Production
 - c. Product Manufacturing
 - d.Use
 - e. Post Use

Recommended Resources for Research:

Learners can research the life cycle stage on their own. Here are a few recommended resources to get them started on research:

- 1. Lifecycle of a Plastic Product article https://plastics.americanchemistry.com/Lifecycle-of-a-Plastic-Product/
- 2. What Really Happens to the Plastic You Throw Away a Ted Talk video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 6xlNyWPpB8&feature=emb_title_
- 3. Plastic Packaging Resources https://www.plasticsoupfoundation.org/en/plastic-facts-and-figures/#productie
- 4. Plastic in the Environment a library of articles https://www.plasticsoupfoundation.org/en/plastic-problem/plastic-environment/
- 5. The Life Cycle of Plastic article https://www.generalkinematics.com/blog/the-life-cycle-of-plastic/



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