

# Activity 8b **No more rubbish!**



Marine litter causes real problems for wildlife and because it is mostly made of plastic, metal or glass it does not break down quickly. Even when the plastic has broken down it is still there in our seas in tiny little pieces which get into the food chain. **Find out how long each of these things will take to break down in the marine environment**

Object	Length of time	Object	Length of time
waxed milk carton	3months	plastic bottle	450 years
newspaper	6 weeks	tin can	50 years
6 pack plastic ring	450 years	newspaper	6 weeks
fishing line	600 years	glass	1 million years (bottle)
polystyrene cup	50 years	woollen hat	1-5 years
apple core	2 months	cotton buds	100's of years
aluminium can	80-200 years	cardboard	2 months

*Do some research on marine litter (debris) and prepare a talk to deliver to your class.*