



Waste

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Debate

'Plastic bottled water should be banned where tap water is safe to drink'.

These topics could help you form an argument for or against this statement.

- Environmental impacts - short and long term
- Peoples reasons and right to choose
- Alternatives - different packaging and reusables
- Health - quality of water and alternative drinks
- Circular economy - growing market for recycled plastic

Share the outcomes of the debate via this link or QR code



Read what other students think

Primary research

Who could you speak to who might know about this subject and be able to suggest reasons for or against?

Survey public opinion:

- How would people feel if the UK Government banned bottled water?
- What are the main reasons for drinking plastic bottled water, or for avoiding it?



Climate Action

Join Plastic Free Schools by Surfers Against Sewage

Littering and ocean plastic is having a drastic impact on the environment and microplastic have recently been found in human blood. Reducing the amount of plastic used in the first place also helps to reduce carbon emissions.





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Secondary research

Suggested watching:

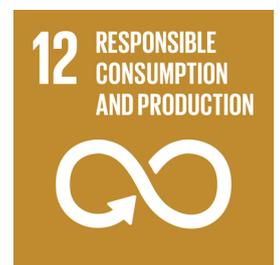
- The Story of Bottled Water - [8min video by Story of Stuff](#)
- The War on Plastic isn't working – recycling myths exposed [10 min report by Channel 4](#)
- Lawmakers look at a plastic bottle ban – [2.5 min news report showing different opinions the USA.](#)

List who might be affected by a bottled water ban in the UK.

Suggested reading:

- Should bottled water be banned? - [Economics Help blog](#)
- The health benefits of bottled water - [My Own Water blog](#)
- Beverage container showdown - [Earth911 article](#)
- Environmental impact of bottled water 'up to 3,500 times greater than tap water' - [Guardian news article](#)
- Scotlands deposit return scheme - [Gov.Scot news article](#)

Global Goals links



Contact climate.emergency@walthamforest.gov.uk for more suggestions of learning resources about waste and consumption.

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

What would be the impact of banning single-use plastic in school catering?

EXPLORE MORE:

[How can we reduce waste in our communities?](#) - KS 3 resource by the British Council

[6 Lessons about the Circular Economy for secondary schools](#) - by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (scroll down the linked page)

Climate Action

Raise awareness or fundraise for clean drinking water with charities such as [Plan International](#) and [Oxfam](#).

More on WASTE on the Suntrap [online Climate Summit Programme](#)

