



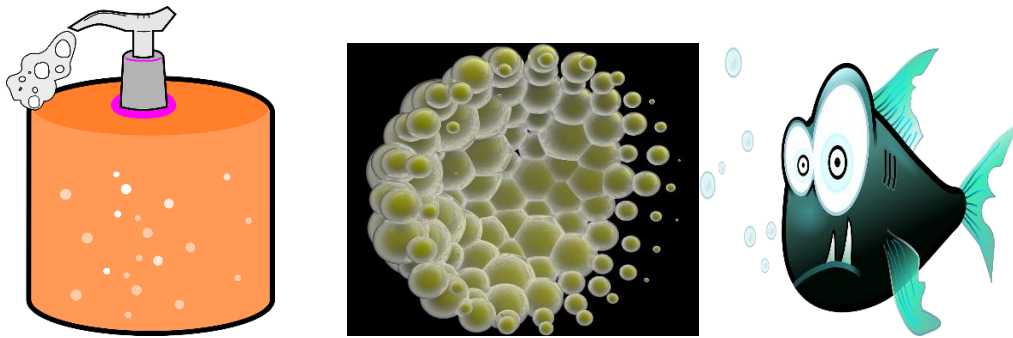
Microbeads Quiz Sheet –

The Story of Microbeads



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“Story of Microbeads” is a 2-minute video that explains what microbeads are, where do they come from and in what way they are damaging the marine environment (Recommended age: 8+)



Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAiIGdJqZc>

Instructions:

Watch the video (maybe twice) and give yourself the quiz or do it as a group, either at home or online with a school group.

Only go to page 4 when you are ready to correct the quiz answer sheet on page 3.

Little ones may need an adult's help (secretary) to read and write down answers for them.

Questions

1. What are Microbeads?
2. How “big” are they?
3. Where do you mostly find them?
4. Why do some companies put microbeads in certain products?
They act as what?
5. What should you look for in a product to see if it contains microbeads?
6. How do microbeads end up in the ocean?
7. How do microbeads hurt marine creatures?
8. How do microbeads end up on your dinner table?
9. Why do these companies not use natural exfoliants instead?
10. Do you remember what the good news is about all of this?

Answer Sheet:

Q 1.	
Q 2.	
Q 3.	
Q 4.	
Q 5.	
Q 6.	
Q 7.	
Q 8.	
Q 9.	
Q 10.	

Answers:

1. They are little pieces of plastic
2. They are smaller than a grain of sand
3. You mostly find them in personal care products (face soap, body wash, toothpaste, makeup)
4. They act as exfoliants, they add texture
5. You should look for Polyethylene
6. They are washed down the drain
7. They can be very toxic
8. Fish eat them and we eat fish
9. Because plastic is cheaper, and because you can sell more products more quickly, because the microbeads aren't as effective as natural exfoliants, so people have to use more of them.
10. Some companies are removing microbeads from their products and many places have banned the use of microbeads.

Well Done!



And to finish up on a positive note:

Ireland officially banned the use of microbeads last February 2020!! You can read more about the ban in this article:

<https://www.thejournal.ie/microbeads-law-ireland-5015080-Feb2020/>

