Where do our products come from?





Plastic toys



An assortment of domestic products made from plastics



Plastic buckets



Plastic toy house



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Where do you think these products were made?
What resources were used to make these?
What will happen to them when they are broken or no longer wanted?

How can we change our buying habits, or the toys we use, to create less waste?

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Plastic pollution





Flotsam and jetsam rubbish, mainly plastic, washed up on the rocks of West Portland



Plastic pollution



How do you think this plastic ended up on this beach?
Why might less wealthy countries be more affected by plastic pollution than richer countries?
How could we deal with plastic washing up on beaches?

How could we prevent this from happening in the future?



China doesn't want our waste





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In 2016, New Zealand exported 30,000 tonnes of plastic waste – half of which went to China.
What kinds of problems might this have caused in China?
China no longer takes our plastic recycling, what do you think is happening to it now?

How could we manage our plastic recycling so it doesn't negatively affect other countries?



How does climate change affect other countries?



A narrow strip of land in Tuvalu is threatened by rising sea levels



Cyclone Evan, Samoa 2012







How does climate change affect other countries?

Pacific nations contribute around 0.03% of the world's fossil fuel emissions, yet are significantly impacted by climate change.
How are Pacific nations being impacted by wealthier countries' fossil fuel emissions?
How does the management of the Kate Valley landfill reduce the impact of Canterbury's waste on Pacific nations?

What else could we do to further reduce our emissions?

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