

Plastic: Reading tasks

1 Each of these items is made from or includes a different kind of plastic. Match an item with its plastic.

polyethylene (polythene)	kitchen table surfaces
nylon	shower curtains
celluloid	shirts
Formica ®	paint
Teflon®	toothbrush bristles
PVC	moulded packing material
polystyrene	frying pan surfaces
polyester	grocery bags
acrylic	table tennis balls



2 What is the aim of the reading?

- entertain
- warn
- shock
- complain
- inform
- something else, what?

What is the writer's attitude to plastic?

- indifference
- concern
- amusement
- delight
- panic
- something else, what?

3 Did you understand the following?

- the game of I-Spy
- how plastics are made
- the names of some of the plastics
- what the plastics were or are used for
- the difference between the plastics
- why 'we might end up counting the cost'
- all the vocabulary
- yes
- no, but it doesn't matter
- no, but I get the general idea
- no, I'll find out later