Finn’s Mission for a Cleaner Ocean

Learning objective: To understand the importance of sustainability and how we can protect our natural world.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences.

Finn the dolphin loves exploring the deep blue oceans, but lately, he has noticed something worrying. His home is becoming crowded with plastic waste that does not break down. Finn knows that sustainability is the key to a healthy future. Sustainability means using our natural resources carefully so that there is plenty left for the animals and children of the future.

Finn has started a project to help his human friends understand this. He explains that instead of using single-use plastic bottles, people can carry reusable metal ones. He also suggests that we should recycle paper and glass whenever possible. When we waste less, we create less rubbish that ends up in the sea. Finn believes that if everyone makes small changes, like turning off lights when leaving a room or walking to school instead of taking a car, the planet will stay vibrant and healthy. By being mindful of what we throw away and how we use energy, we are protecting the beautiful world for everyone to enjoy. Finn says, 'The ocean gives us so much, so let's make sure we give back by looking after it!'

Word bank: sustainability · renewable · pollution · environment · conserve

1. What are two examples of things Finn suggests people can do to help the environment? (2 marks)

2. According to the text, what does the word 'sustainability' mean? (2 marks)

3. Why is Finn worried about the state of the ocean? (2 marks)

4. How does using a reusable bottle help the planet more than using a plastic one? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important for children to help with sustainability? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Finn the dolphin showing his friends how to recycle items to keep the ocean clean and safe.

Extension challenge: Research one way your school tries to be sustainable. Write a short paragraph explaining how this helps the environment.