MARINE POLLUTION

**I Match the words with the definitions.**

pollution (n) - rubbish / garbage

litter (n) - things that are left after you use something

dump (v) - to make something dirty, polluted or poisoned

affect (v) - harmful waste which has been put into the environment

waste (n) - to have an effect on something: to cause damage to something

contaminate (v) - to get rid of something

source (n) - deserving to be blamed for something that has happened

responsible (adj) - the cause of a problem or the place where it began

**II Watch the video and complete the missing information.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tonnes of litter are dumped in the sea every year.
2. By 2050 there will be more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean than fish.
3. Plastics are killing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seabirds and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marine mammals a year.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of marine litter comes from land sources.
5. Contaminated sea food affects the health of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**III How does plastic in the sea affect marine life (fish, seabirds, marine mammals, sea turtles, small organisms)? Discuss in groups and write notes.**

**IV Do you use a lot of plastic? How can you, as individuals, minimise waste or prevent plastic from reaching the sea? Discuss in your group and think of at least three examples.**

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