

The Google Goodies logo is displayed in a playful, bubbly font. The word "Goodies" is rendered in a multi-colored, rounded sans-serif typeface, with each letter having a thick white outline and a soft drop shadow. The colors of the letters are: 'G' (red), 'o' (orange), 'o' (blue), 'd' (green), 'i' (red), 'e' (purple), and 's' (orange). The background is a light blue sky with soft, white, puffy clouds. In the bottom right corner, a small white seagull is shown in flight, facing left.

Saving the oceans together

MANY multinational companies, including Walmart and Coca-Cola, have signed the Ocean Plastics Charter, alongside G7 countries and organisations such as the UK, Canada (加拿大), France (法國), Germany (德國), Italy (意大利) and the EU (歐盟). The Charter asks those who signed to help reduce the amount of plastic waste going into the oceans. But the US and Japan (日本) have refused to sign, even when countries outside the G7, like Norway (挪威) and Jamaica (牙買加), are supporting the Charter. It is a promise to make sure that by 2030, all the plastics they use can be recycled.

But plastic utensils are so convenient!

Giving up a little convenience to save the oceans is worth it!



Plastic is not fantastic



What is this charter?

THE Ocean Plastics Charter (《海洋塑料憲章》) is an agreement among many countries and companies to adopt a “resource-**efficient**” method of handling plastic products. Plans include using only recycled plastic by 2030 and reducing disposable plastics. The Charter also asks countries and organisations to set up **infrastructure** for recycling.



Plastic harms animals

CURRENTLY, almost 800 animal species are affected by rubbish in the oceans. Many sea animals get caught by the plastic or eat it mistakenly, which both lead to animals dying. A report by the United Nations Environment Programme (聯合國環境署) stated that the world uses up to five **trillion** plastic bags each year, and a lot of that go into the oceans.



The future

ORGANISATIONS and countries that signed the Charter promise to **reduce** plastic pollution by at least 85 percent by 2030, though some countries might not be able to go that far. Still, many places have started to ban plastic utensils, such as straws and **cutlery**, and the **trend** will only continue. Some companies that signed the Charter set up goals for themselves as well. For example, Volvo promised to raise the amount of recycled plastic they use in their factories to 25 percent by 2025.



Spot four differences between the two pictures.



Answers on P12



You can also help by reducing your personal use of plastic!

