

**Worksheet G6.1.5**

We understand why we should take measures to conserve and protect the Mediterranean Sea.

**A: For our interest:**



1. A sea turtle does not recognise the difference between a jellyfish and a plastic bag. Let us watch the video: <http://youtu.be/ieMXDIMP0b8>
2. If we take a look at a map of the Mediterranean we would immediately notice that this is a closed sea. Very few currents from the Atlantic Ocean enter and therefore the currents of the Mediterranean sea always end up circulating the same water along the coasts of the same countries. Let us watch the video:  
<http://youtu.be/-hJmjoowwGU?list=PLMsWQvNRAY01CjPJCIV9OHhnifFPtOPsM>
3. We all wish the Mediterranean Sea to be clean, relaxing and able to provide us with a cool breeze. Let us watch the video:  
<http://youtu.be/KRr1KrNf8XI?list=PLMsWQvNRAY01CjPJCIV9OHhnifFPtOPsM>  
(2 minutes are enough; the whole video is 14 minutes long)
4. The main problems related to the polluting of the Mediterranean are:

- (a) fishing without control
- (b) tankers which carry huge amounts of oil
- (c) drainage dumped into the sea
- (d) toxic waste which causes a lot of damage to the sea creatures
- (e) industrial waste which is dumped into the rivers which end up in the sea
- (f) Tourism, when in large numbers, makes it difficult for the countries to keep their beaches clean.

Let us watch the video: <http://youtu.be/upkXxkOoWLo>



5. The picture above shows us THE PLANT FOR TREATMENT OF DRAINAGE. Drainage is sent to this plant before being dumped in the sea. Here the drainage is purified by removing all toxic waste as well as all other material which can be used as a fertilizer in our fields. However, not all countries treat their drainage. For example in Gaza, the Palestinian land occupied by Israel, the drainage is still all dumped into the sea. Let us watch the video: <http://youtu.be/EsDU2CmFBmI>

**B: Answer by underlining the right answer or filling in the blanks.**

1. The turtles (increased, decreased) a lot in the Mediterranean Sea.
2. The jellyfish (increased, decreased) a lot in the Mediterranean Sea.
3. Write two ideas which crossed your mind whilst watching the videos:

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(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. The photo on the right is shocking. It depicts a pipe dumping drainage and other industrial waste into the Mediterranean Sea. Note the big problem which all the countries in the Mediterranean are facing. As those carrying out this act of vandalism, are causing harm to all the countries in the Mediterranean and not just their own country?



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