



## THE PLASTIC CHALLENGE

If you're at school, at lunchtime, count how many plastic bottles, plastic bags and plastic baggies you see in your class. If you're at home, count how many are in your house.

Approximate number of plastic bottles/bags/baggies: \_\_\_\_\_

## DID YOU KNOW? <sup>1</sup>

- Since the 1950s, around 8.3 billion tons of plastic have been produced
- Plastic is killing more than 1.1 million seabirds and animals every year
- Worldwide, about 1 million plastic bags are used every minute
- The average person eats 70,000 microplastics each year
- The average time that a plastic bag is used for is 12 minutes

How do you think we can work to decrease plastic pollution?

What are three other plastic products that you only typically use once?

Name an alternative for each of these items:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Mwamba, S. (2018, June 14). 10 Plastic Pollution Facts That Show Why We Need To Do More. Retrieved from <u>https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/plastic-pollution-facts/</u>