

Plastic on the Trail

One summer day, five friends went hiking on a local trail. One of the friends saw some plastic litter on the trail. He picked it up and said, "I will pick this up, because I don't like to see litter, and I don't want this plastic to end up in the ocean."



This is what his friends said:

Bob: I agree that we should not litter, but my personal actions here in this town don't impact the ocean.

Chris: This plastic is pollution because it is man-made material in a natural area, but we don't need to worry about it because it doesn't seem to be affecting any animals right now.

Nancy: The trash and pollutants people put into the environment everywhere can affect the ocean, life in the ocean and on land.

John: I also agree that we should not litter, but the ocean is so incredibly huge that pollution is not a problem. Garbage just disappears in the ocean.

Which friend do you most agree with and why? Explain your thinking.