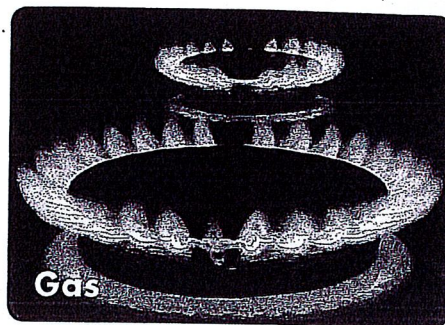
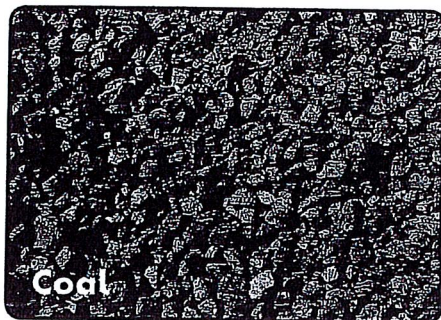
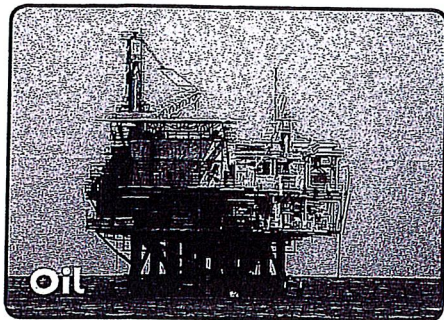
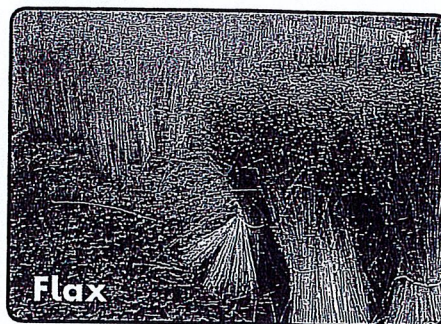
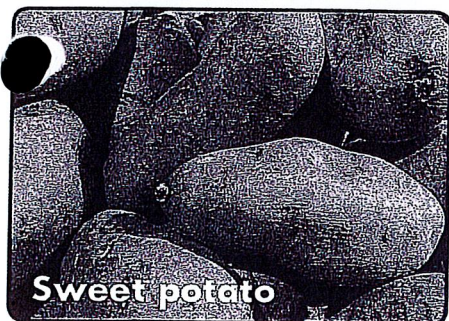


# Plastic today and in the future



Plastics are now made from oil, coal and natural gas. We are using these things so fast that the Earth's supplies may run out. Scientists are investigating new ideas for making plastics from plants such as sweet potato, bamboo and flax.



## What you can do to help

### Re-use

You can re-use lots of plastic objects. Plastic bottles can be re-used many times, rather than throwing them away for each drink. Unwanted plastic goods, such as CDs and toys, can be donated to charity shops.



### Reduce

Another thing we can do to help is to use less plastic. For example, many people are using fewer plastic bags for their shopping.

### Recycle

Recycling is a good way to get rid of unwanted plastics. Recycled waste materials are used again to make new products. However, this can be difficult as different types of plastic need to be recycled in different ways. Some plastics can be melted and used to make more plastic products such as bags and bottles. Others can be made into fibres (strands of material) for clothing.



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15 Look at the section headed: **Re-use**

**Find** and **copy** the word that means the same as "given away".

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16 Look at the section headed: **Recycle**

Give **one** thing that can be made from recycled plastics.

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17 Draw lines to match the words below to their meaning.

**words**

Re-use

Reduce

Recycle

**meanings**

use the same thing  
more than once

turn an object into  
something else

use less of  
something



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