

1C Volunteering: Worksheet

1 Watch the video report. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The Wildlife Trust has groups around the UK.
- 2 Steve Trehwella is a diver.
- 3 Nurdles eventually become bottles and bags.
- 4 Nurdles can be dangerous.
- 5 The Wildlife Trust doesn't have many young volunteers.
- 6 Volunteers must be happy to work hard.

2 Watch the report again and answer the questions.

1 What two activities are popular in Kimmeridge Bay?

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2 How many volunteers help the organisation every year?

3 Who or what eats nurdles?

4 How much rubbish do volunteers collect in Dorset each year?

5 Where does the organisation advertise for volunteers?

6 What two practical tasks do volunteers do?

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- 1 true
- 2 false
- 3 true
- 4 true
- 5 false
- 6 true

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- 1 Diving and snorkelling
- 2 Over 33,000
- 3 Birds and animals eat nurdles.
- 4 Over 5 tons
- 5 Local papers and on the internet
- 6 Beach cleans and snorkel surveys

1C Volunteering: Script

This is Kimmeridge Bay on the south coast of England.

It is a popular place for diving and snorkelling because of the variety of sea life in the area.

It's Sunday afternoon, and a group of volunteers are getting ready for a day cleaning up the beach.

These volunteers are working with the Wildlife Trust organisation.

The Wildlife Trust is the largest voluntary organisation in the UK looking after the environment for wildlife. Over 33,000 volunteers help the organisation every year, working in 47 groups around the country.

The group leader today is Steve Trehella. Steve is a photographer and knows a lot about this area.

Before the group starts work, Steve tells them what to look for.

There's a lot of rubbish on the beach. Most of it is plastic and some of it is very difficult to see.

These are called nurdles. Nurdles are very small pieces of plastic. In factories, they are made into bottles, bags and all the plastic things we use and buy every day.

Over 250 billion tonnes of nurdles travel around the world to factories every year in huge ships, and millions and millions of them end up in the sea and on beaches around the world. Because they are small, and they look like fish eggs, lots of birds and animals think they are food and eat them. So it is very important that people clean the beaches often.

The volunteers collect over five tonnes of rubbish from the beaches in this area every year. The work they do helps to protect the wildlife in the area. It's important work and the Wildlife Trust needs lots of volunteers. So how do you find out about the organisation?

Steve If we need volunteers we usually advertise in local papers, or you can find out about it on the Internet, on the Wildlife Trust website.

The Dorset volunteers have even got a Facebook group for young people.

Steve A lot of young people want to do this, because a lot of the young people may want

to go into this line of work afterwards, so it's good experience for them.

And the volunteers can do a variety of jobs.

Steve We help talk to people on the beach and we help with practical tasks like beach cleaning and snorkel surveys, things like that.

It's important that the volunteers are hard-working and patient. It is sometimes a difficult job, but it is also rewarding and great for the environment.