



Food packaging

Introduction

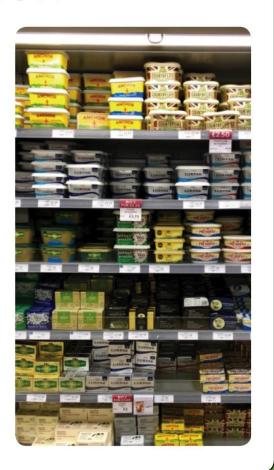






Introduction

- Most food in shops and supermarkets is packaged
- Most packaging is thrown away after we use the food
- Some packaging is recycled but some becomes landfill
- What foods can you see here?









Food packaging and plastic waste

Main Presentation







Plastic waste causes problems in the oceans...









...and on land









The purposes of food packaging

The purposes of food packaging are:

- To keep food fresh
- To reduce microbes
- To make food look attractive
- To protect food from damage during transport









Life before plastic: paper, glass and tins













Plastic packaging...











...and more plastic packaging











Benefits of food packaging

Well-packaged food:

Has fewer microbes

And so:

- Lasts longer
- Is easy to read
- Is more hygienic
- Is less likely to be wasted









Reducing waste: The 'Six Rs'

We can reduce waste using the 'Six Rs':

Rethink — do things differently

Refuse — don't use or buy something

Reduce — use less

Reuse — use again

Recycle — turn waste back into useful things

Repair — mend instead of throwing away







Examples of the 'Six Rs' in action

We can:

- Reduce waste by taking reusable shopping bags
- Rethink how we shop, choosing places that use recyclable packaging
- Refuse extra unnecessary packaging
- Repair something that is damaged instead of buying a new one







What would you do?

Buy a salad with a plastic box and a plastic fork...





...or take a reusable salad box to a salad bar and use a metal fork?



