

Re-punctuating a Piece of Text

We have removed all of the punctuation in this piece of text. Read it carefully and re-punctuate it. Ask a friend to check it for you, and you could check theirs to see if you agree.

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what about the water bird that can't fly because it has a plastic drinks can holder stuck over its wing PLEASE CUT THE RINGS BEFORE YOU DISPOSE OF DRINKS CAN HOLDERS many animals die because of our need to tie our cans together to make them easier to carry

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Have you checked your work? Let a friend check it for you. The answer is below, but don't look at it until you have had a go at re-punctuating.

Now have a go at this piece.

to small mammals such as mice and voles glass and plastic bottles by the roadside or in the wood offer the chance of a tasty meal or drink they smell them out with their amazing sense of smell and squeeze their tiny bodies into the bottles to get at the promised feast inside but once inside it is not quite as easy to escape bottles are shiny and very smooth tiny claws just can't get a grip on the surface and the animal can't climb out small animals must eat often to keep up their body temperature soon they begin to lose energy a few hours later the animals lie down and die from starvation or cold drinks cans and plastic bags can all have the same fatal effect



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glass bottles can also start fires on sunny days as the rays of the sun pass through the bottle like a lens then more animals die in the fires it is a disaster for ground-nesting birds whose chicks just can't escape the flames



Check your work and then ask a friend to check it. Look below for the answer, but NOT until you have completed the activity.

Imagine the pain when a badger or fox steps onto the broken glass of a discarded bottle. A paw cut to ribbons on the sharp edges.

There are no sticking plasters in the wild. There is no antiseptic cream. The animal must lick its wounds and hope that they don't turn septic. If they do, the animal probably dies!

What about the water bird that can't fly because it has a plastic drinks can holder stuck over its wing? (PLEASE CUT THE RINGS BEFORE YOU DISPOSE OF DRINKS CAN HOLDERS!) Many animals die because of our need to tie our cans together to make them easier to carry.

We've even heard of an otter cub that got caught up in an old duvet cover that someone mindlessly threw away, and drowned in a lake! These terrible incidents have all been reported to the Wildlife Trusts.

To small mammals, such as mice and voles, glass and plastic bottles by the roadside or in the wood offer the chance of a tasty meal or drink. They smell them out with their amazing sense of smell, and squeeze their tiny bodies into the bottles to get at the promised feast inside. But once inside, it is not quite as easy to escape! Bottles are shiny and very smooth. Tiny claws just can't get a grip on the surface and the animal can't climb out. Small animals must eat often to keep up their body temperature. Soon they begin to lose energy. A few hours later, the animals lie down and die from starvation or cold. Drinks cans and plastic bags can all have the same fatal effect.

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Glass bottles can also start fires on sunny days, as the rays of the sun pass through the bottle like a lens. Then more animals die in the fires! It is a disaster for ground-nesting birds, whose chicks just can't escape the flames.

