

1. When was the first plastic bag charge introduced in England?

2. In the sentence: 'Sainsbury's and ASDA have increased the price of the bags for life to 20p to encourage people to reuse them.' What is meant by the word **encourage**? (**Tick one**)

- tell
- make
- persuade
- put off

3. What is meant by the phrase at the end of the article?
'do you think the solution is in the bag?'

4. Tick each of these statements to show whether it is a fact or opinion.

	Fact	Opinion
Plastic is the biggest problem we face.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The charge of plastic bags is rising in England.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Co-op are getting rid of bags for life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is up to shoppers to stop plastic waste.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Do you think the increase in charge is a good idea? Explain your answer.