

Beach clean-up

This task is about using evidence to support statements.

At a clean-up of rubbish at a popular New Zealand city beach 18kg of litter was picked up in one afternoon.

The table shows the percentages of different types of litter collected.

Type of litter	% of total litter picked up
Plastic 37% plastic sheet, including filters on cigarette butts 23% plastic foam 16% hard plastic	76
Metal	12
Paper	5
Glass	3
Other	1

1. From reading the table, what can you say about the rubbish picked up? (Select **one** for each question.)

i) 76 pieces of plastic litter were picked up.

True / There is not enough information to tell

ii) There was a greater percentage of paper picked up than glass.

True / There is not enough information to tell

iii) Cigarette filters are made from plastic.

True / There is not enough information to tell

iv) There were more beer cans than beer bottles left on the beach.

True / There is not enough information to tell

v) Plastic litter is dangerous for crabs.

True / There is not enough information to tell

2. Give **as many reasons as you can think of** for why plastic is the most common rubbish.

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