

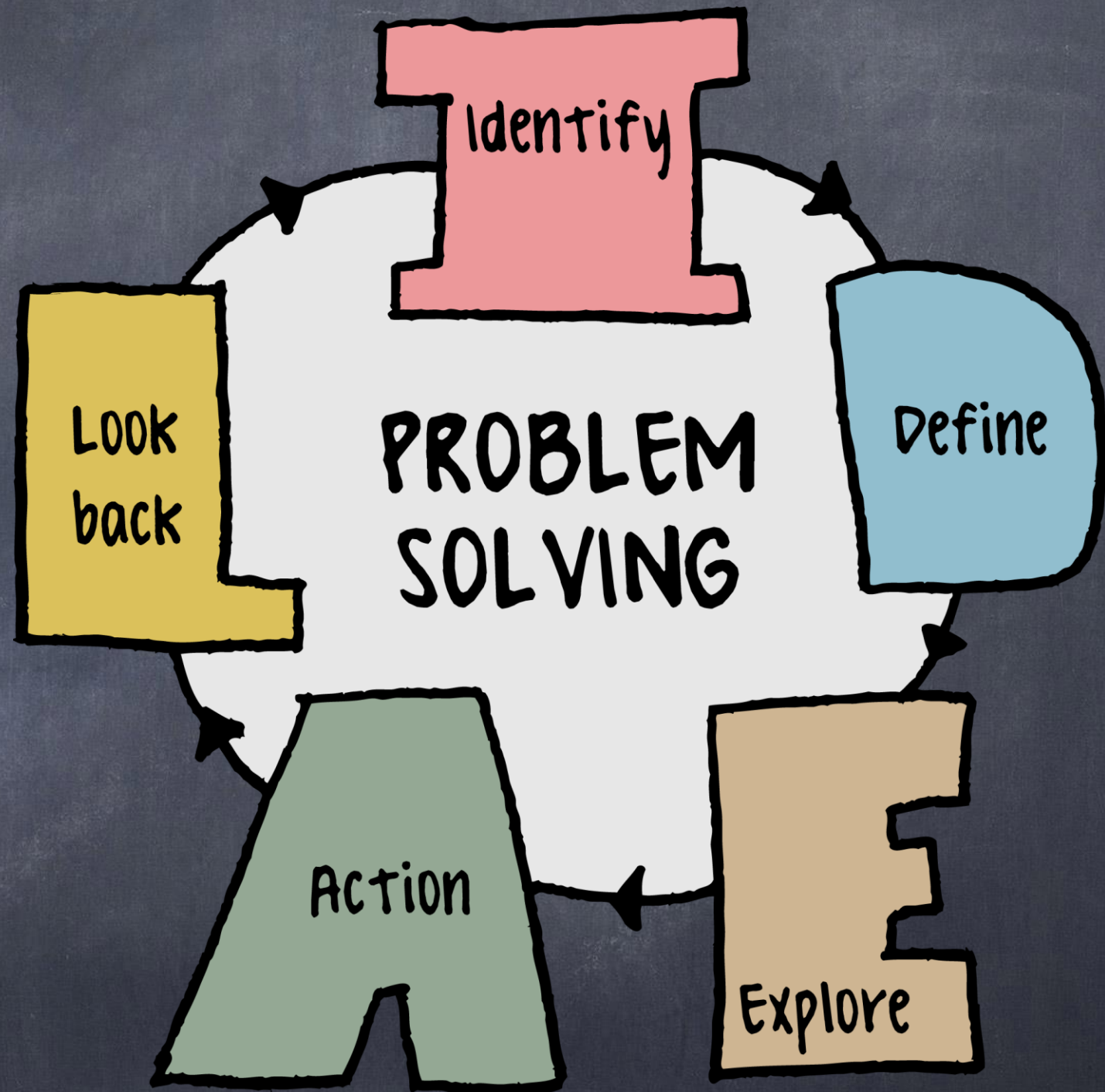


# Marine Debris Solutions



# What is a solution?

- Solving a problem
- Dealing with a difficult situation





# SOURCES OF MARINE DEBRIS



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil  
Environment, Community and Local Government

Coca-Cola



Fáilte Ireland  
National Tourism Development Authority



# IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS



## INGESTION

Animals mistakenly eat plastic and other debris.



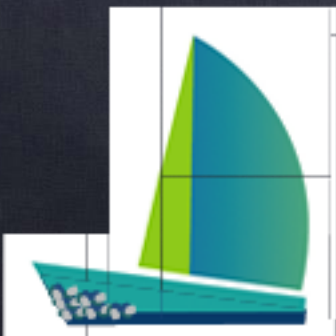
## ENTANGLEMENT & GHOSTFISHING

Marine life gets caught and killed in ghost nets, trapped in derelict gear, and entangled in plastic bands and other marine debris.



## HABITAT DAMAGE

Heavy marine debris crushes sensitive habitat, such as coral reefs and sea grass.



## NON-NATIVE SPECIES

Marine debris transports alien and invasive species from one region to another.



# 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR TRASH FREE SEAS







# 8 Easy Ways to Use Less Plastic



Marine debris is comprised primarily of plastic, which marine life may ingest or become entangled in. Here are some easy ways you can use less plastic:



Skip the bottled water and use a reusable water bottle.



Avoid using a straw. Straws are one of the top 10 marine debris items found on beaches.



Avoid using disposable silverware.



If necessary, use paper instead of plastic.



Or better yet, use reusable bags.



Don't discard your electronics - instead, repair or upgrade your devices. You can also turn them in for recycling.



Use fewer garbage bags and compost!



Wear clothing made of natural, non-synthetic fibers. Polyester clothing is actually made of plastic.

We each play a role in keeping our planet whole.



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# NOAA Marine Debris Program Art Contest



**Help the NOAA Marine Debris Program raise awareness about marine debris!**

**Grab your art materials, be creative and tell us:**

- **How does marine debris impact the oceans and Great Lakes?**
- **What are you doing to help prevent marine debris?**

**Winning entries will be featured in our 2017 Marine Debris Calendar!**

All students in grades K-8 from all U.S. states or territories enrolled in recognized public, private, or home schools are eligible to participate. **Entries must be postmarked by Monday, November 30th.**

**For details please visit [www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov](http://www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov)**