

Brainstorming Page 2

Begin by brainstorming the most common sources of plastic waste in school:

- Plastic straws in cafeteria
- Food wrapped in plastic
- Single-use plastic water bottles
- Plastic utensils

Use the table below to gather details related to the prompt:

Research alternatives for plastic, and then write a paragraph that describes a solution for reducing the school's use of plastic.

Details	Source
• Plastic → 500 years to decompose • Some restaurants ban/only provide if requested • Incentives as motivation	<i>Trash Vortex, Danielle Smith-Llera, pp. 27, 51, 52</i>
harm ocean animals	"Single Use Plastic Straws," Beyond Plastics, https://www.beyondplastics.org/factsheets/plastic-straws
alternative materials = stainless steel, paper, Twizzlers, bamboo, or wood	"Paper, bamboo, Twizzlers: Restaurants consider alternatives to the plastic straw," Abha Battarai, The Washington Post, https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/paper-bamboo-twizzlers-restaurants-consider-alternatives-to-the-plastic-straw/2018/02/02/9be47608-02ab-11e8-8acf-ad2991367d9d_story.html