PLASTIC DESCRIPTIONS

Many plastic objects have embossed labels pressed into the surface,
giving useful information and including recycling symbols.

Look carefully at any labels you see. Use this list to help you
understand them.

Then sort the plastic items you have been given.

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| **Plastic type** | **How it is used** | **Symbol** |
| **Polyethyleneterephthalate(PET)** | • Fizzy drink and water bottles• Salad trays |  |
| **High-densitypolyethylene(HDPE)** | • Milk bottles, bleach, cleaners and most shampoo bottles |  |
| **Polyvinylchloride (PVC)** | • Pipes, fittings, window and door frames(rigid PVC)• Thermal insulation (PVC foam) and automotive parts. |  |
| **Low-densitypolyethylene(LDPE)** | • Carrier bags, bin liners and packaging films |  |
| **Polypropylene(PP)** | • Margarine tubs, microwavable meal trays• Also produced as fibres and filamentsfor carpets, wall coverings and vehicleupholstery |  |
| **Polystyrene(PS)** | • Yoghurt pots, foam hamburger boxes andegg cartons, plastic cutlery, protectivepackaging for electronic goods and toys• Insulating material in the building andconstruction industry |  |
| **Polyester** | • In some clothing, combined with otherfabrics |  |
| **Nylon** | • Strong ropes, washing line |  |
| **Acrylic** | • In place of glass |  |