



**Resource:** Resource 8 – Litter Facts: True or False Litter Quiz

**Text:** This resource explores the issue of litter. First, read the factsheets and then complete the short true/false quiz. It involves literacy skills and numeracy skills.

**Suitable for:** S1-S2

**Approximate time:** 20 minutes

**Curriculum links:** SOC 3-08a, SCN 2-20b

**Meta-skills:** Self-Management: Focussing  
Innovation: Curiosity, Critical thinking

**SDGs links:** 3, 12, 13





# Littering: Getting caught will cost you

If you're spotted  
dropping litter in Scotland  
you can be hit with an

# £80 fine



If you avoid paying  
your fine, the figure  
jumps to as much as

# £2,500

with a trip to the  
courts thrown in for  
good measure.



Illegal fly-tippers  
can be fined up to

# £40,000

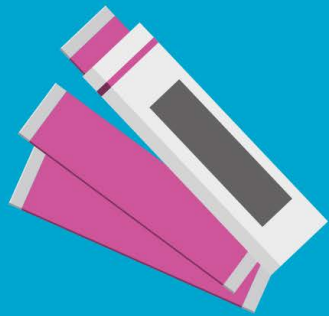




## Preventing chewing gum litter

Scots love chewing gum. **We spend £28.6 million on the stuff every year.**

But used gum causes a huge litter problem. Discarded chewing gum never breaks down. It makes our towns and cities look grubby, harms our wildlife and uses up a hefty chunk of our public budgets – on average, each bit of gum costs only **3p to buy, but £1.50 per square metre to clean up.**



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# True or false litter quiz

## True or false?

1. Every year Scotland spends at least £46 million cleaning up after our litterers — that's around £20 for each taxpayer.
2. Banana peel doesn't count as litter because it is biodegradable.
3. If you drop chewing gum on the pavement it takes 5 years to decompose.
4. In Singapore, a man was charged \$15,000 for dropping a cigarette butt.
5. If you are spotted littering in Scotland you could get a £20 fine.
6. Flytipping is illegal. If you are caught you can be fined up to £40,000.

# True or false litter quiz

## Answers

1. True.
2. False – it takes up to 2 years to break down.
3. False – discarded chewing gum never breaks down.
4. True – punishment in Singapore can even include a prison sentence.
5. False – you can be fined £80.
6. True.