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# THE PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY OF TARRAGONA

FIELD WORKS

# STUDENT'S BOOKLET

Name of the student	 	
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## Let's start...



Students will be divided into **4 groups** that will be placed in the tables **1, 2, 3** or **4,** respectively.

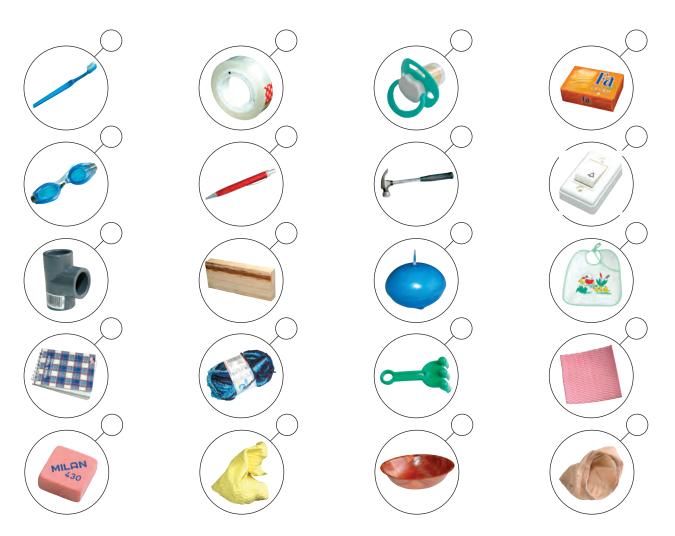


A representative from each group will go to the "Objects' Classification" wardrobe and will grab the drawer "PETROLEUM PRODUCTS".



He or she will take the drawer to the table. Then, you will classify the everyday objects into two groups: petroleum products and non-petroleum products.

Mark the objects that, in your opinion, are petroleum products:





Check your results on the answer key, "PETROLEUM OR NON-PETROLEUM PRODUCTS", and correct if necessary.

#### **WRITE DOWN:**

How many petroleum objects have you guessed?
 How many non-petroleum objects have you guessed?
 Conclusion:



Again, the representative from each group will go to the "**Objects' Classification**" and will grab the drawer called "**TRAYS WITH OBJECTS TO CLASSIFY**".





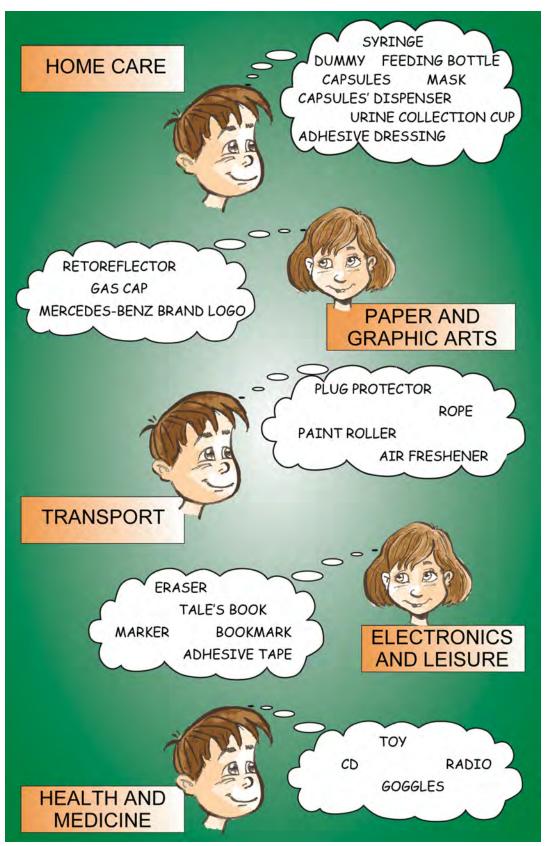
Place the objects over the table and put the petroleum products in the correct container.

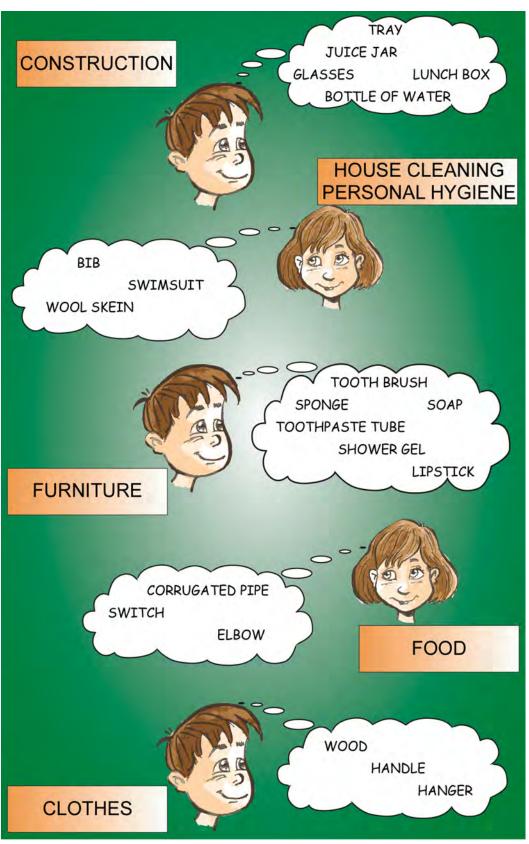


Check your results on the answer key, "OBJECTS' CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO ITS FUNCTION", and correct if necessary.



Now, match the groups of products with their functionallity by using arrows.





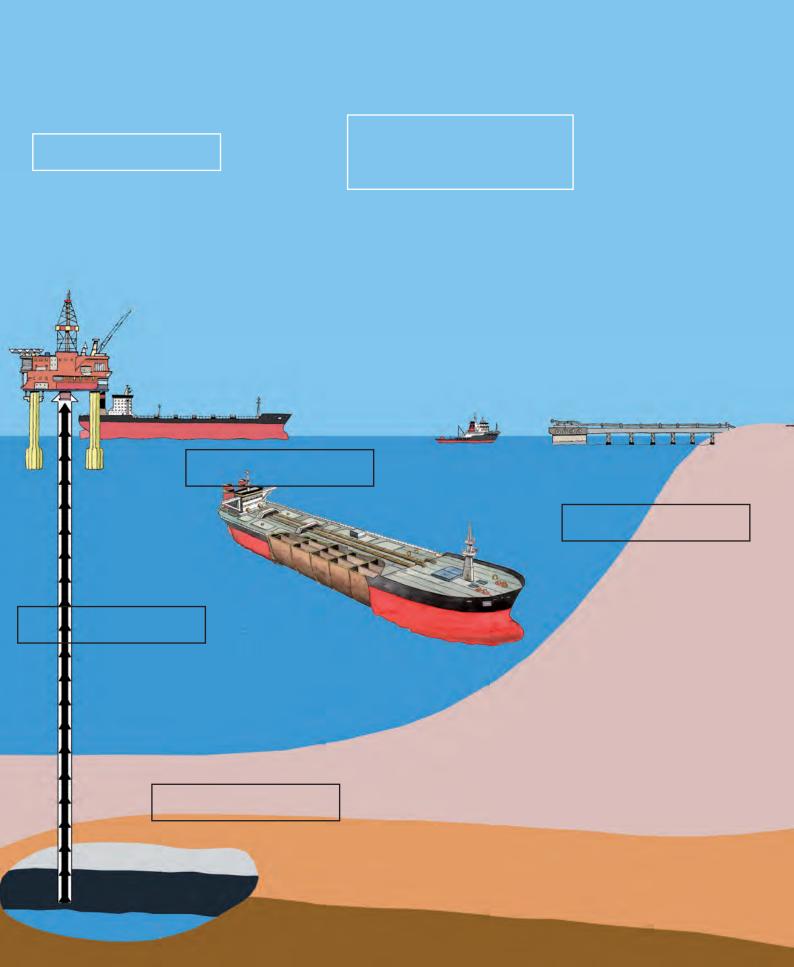


Tidy up the drawers.

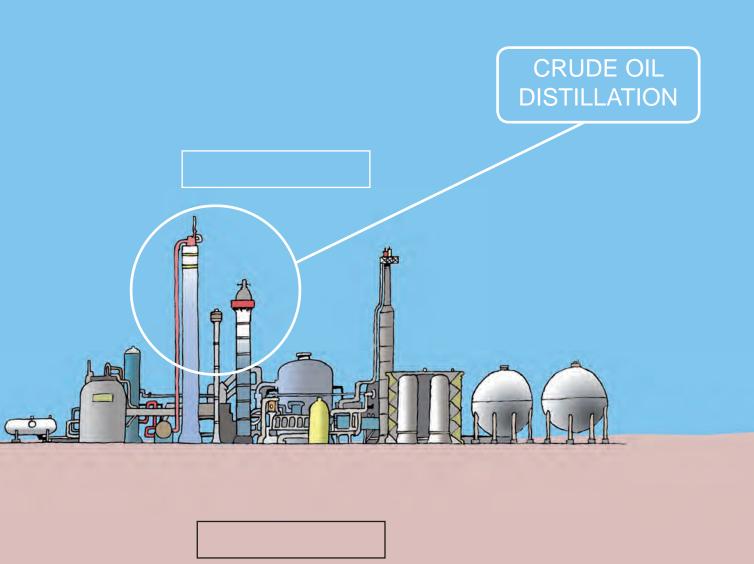
Take one chair and sit in front of the felt board.

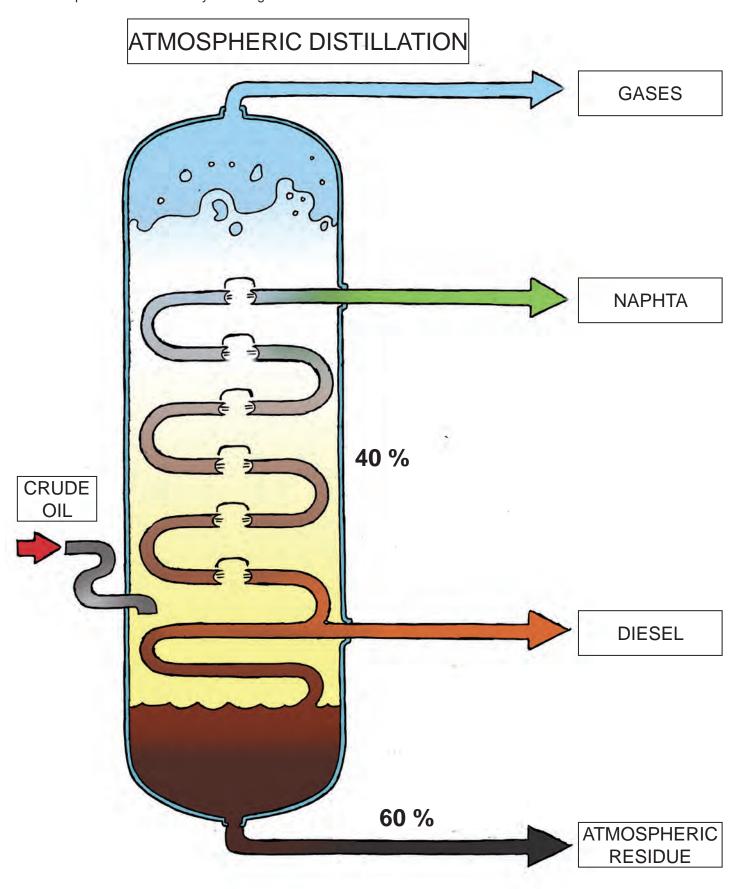


Observe the felt board and listen carefully to the explanation about the petroleum extraction Complete the mural with the correct names.

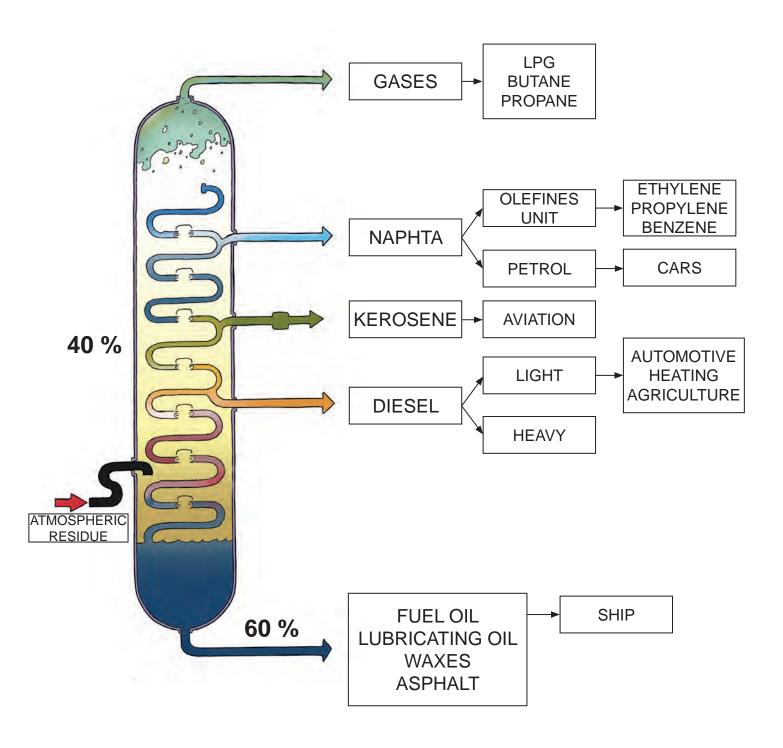


, transport and transformation processes.

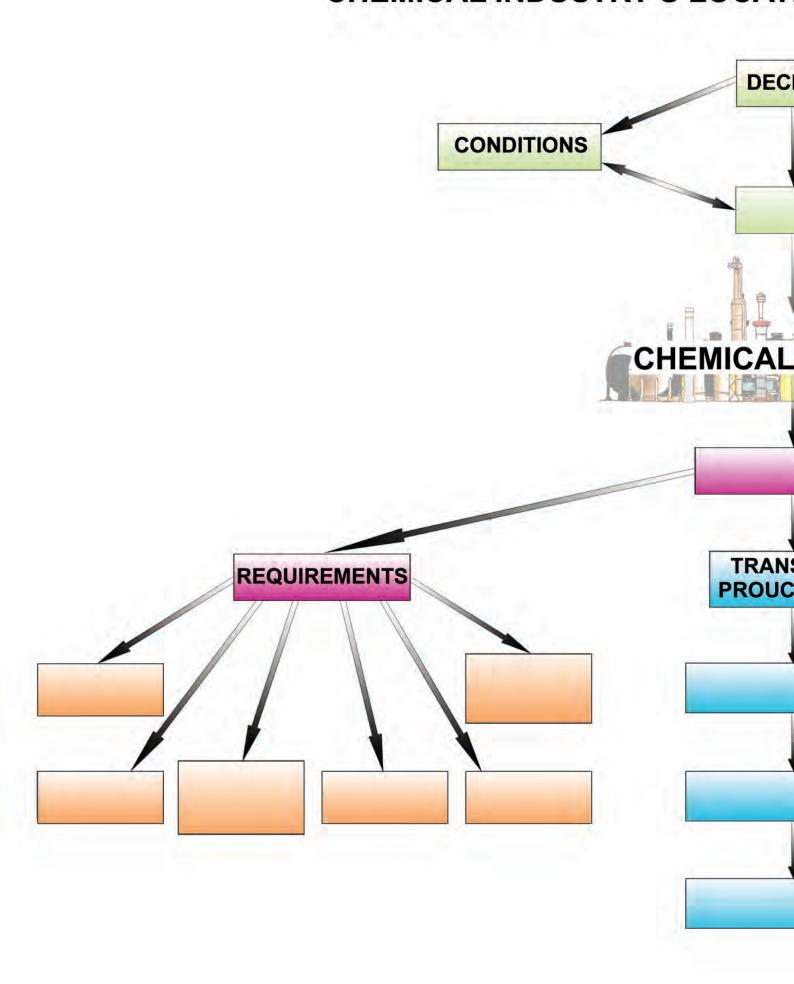




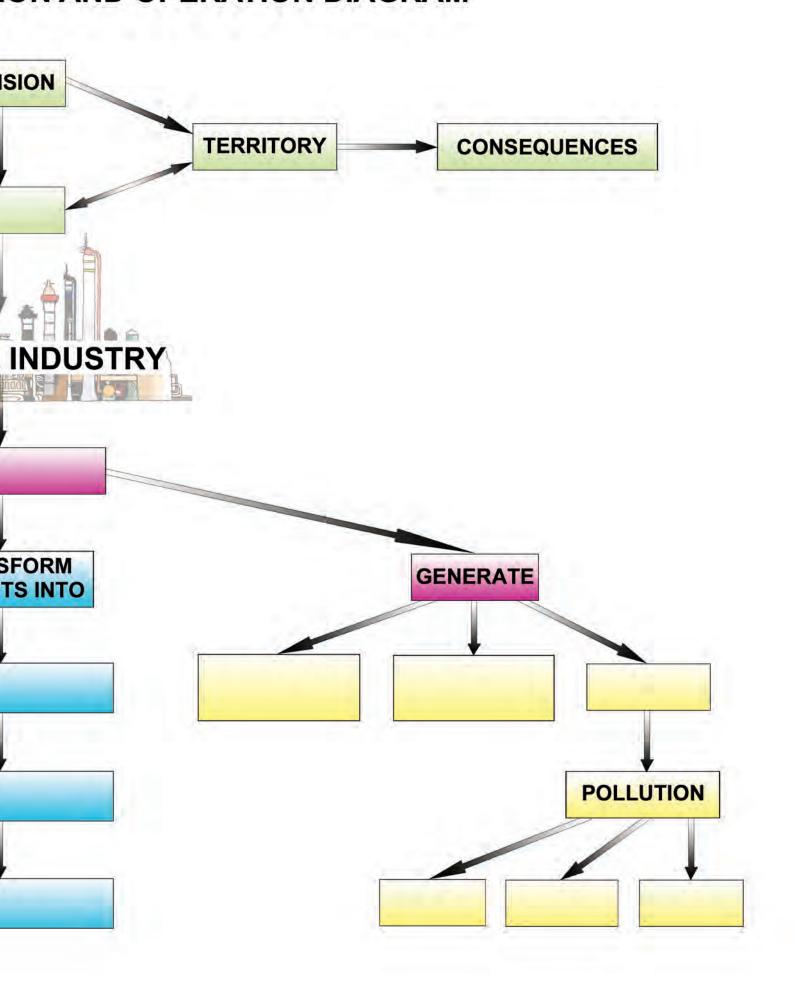
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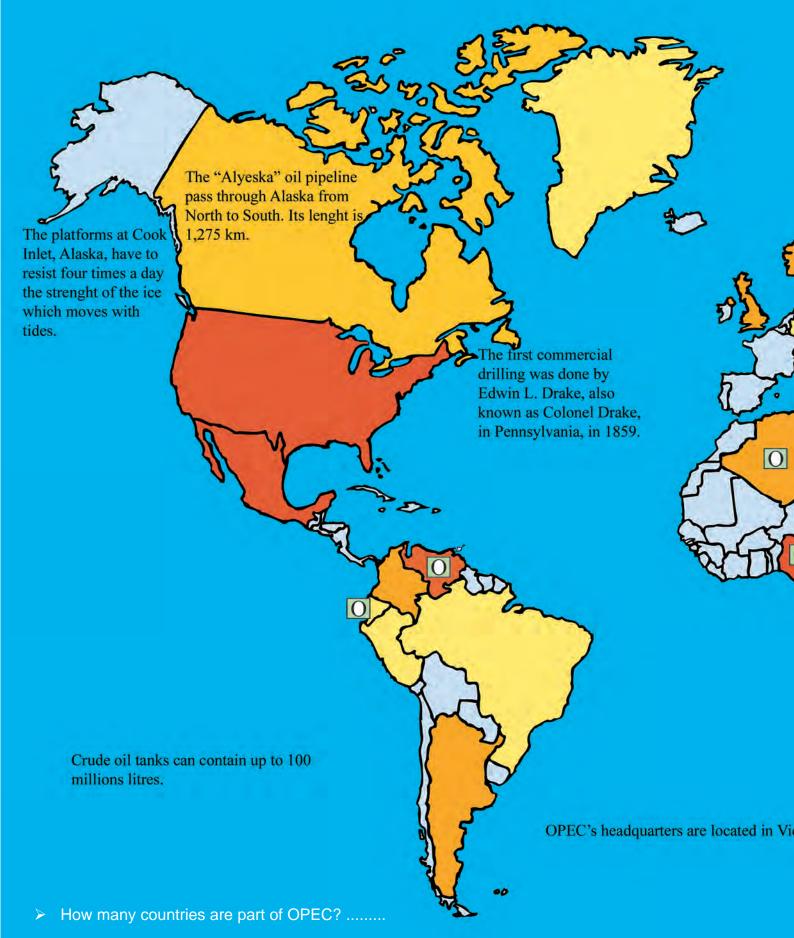


# **CHEMICAL INDUSTRY'S LOCAT**



#### ION AND OPERATION DIAGRAM





Which countries are the biggest producers of petroleum? ......

#### OIL DISTRIBUTION AND OIL RESERVES





from 55 to 300 million barrels

from 10 to 54 millions barrels

Russia

Saudi Arabia - 9,817 thousand barrels/day 8,543 thousand barrels/day

United States - 7,454 thousand barrels/day

Iran

- 3,853 thousand barrels/day

China

\_ 3,396 thousand barrels/day



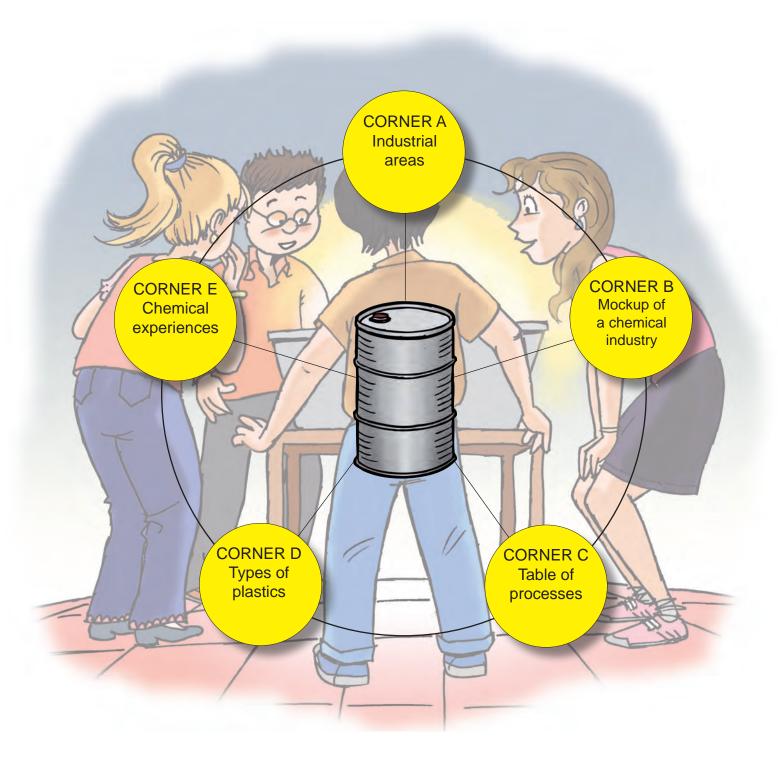
from 2 to 9 million barrels

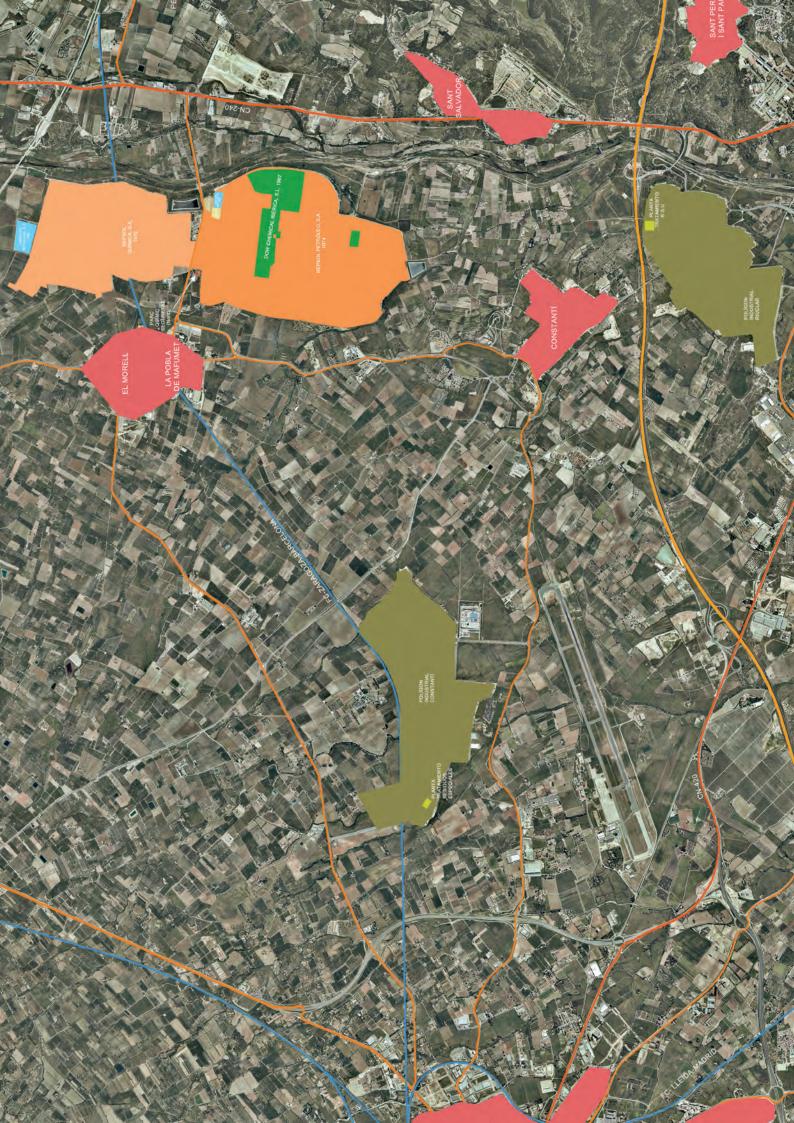


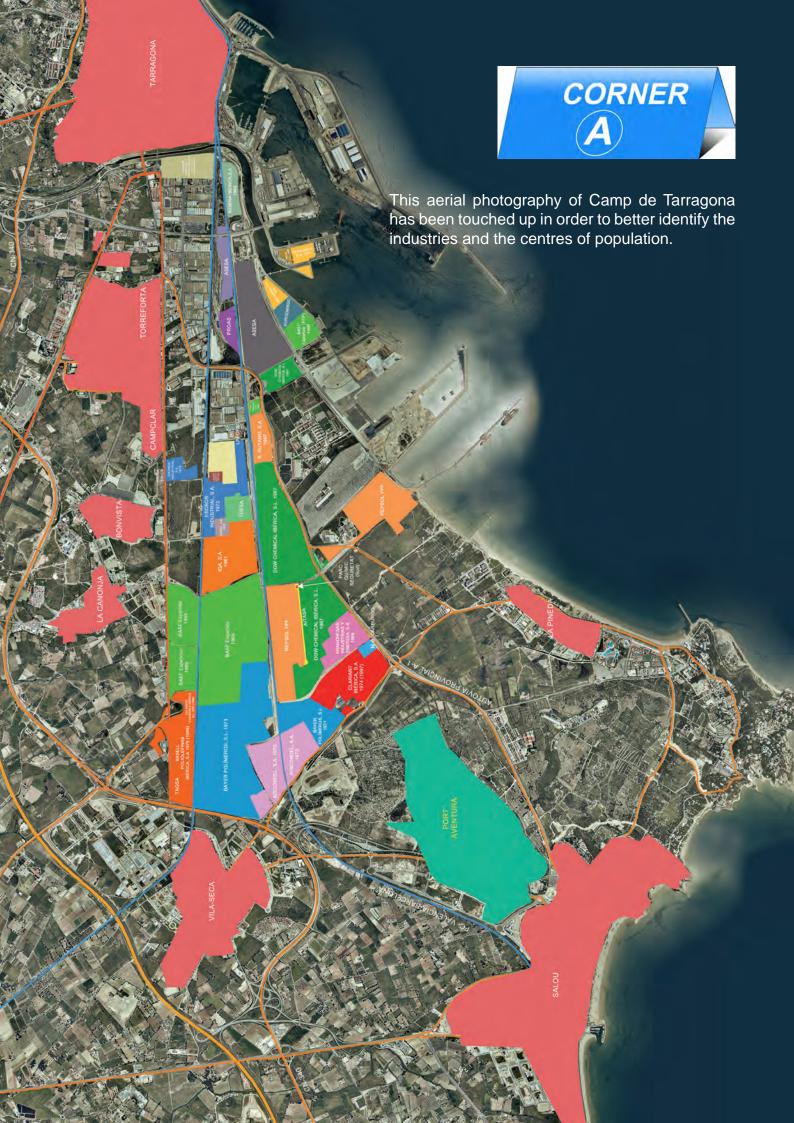
**OPEC** member countries



Now, we will divide the class into **5 groups** and, following the teacher's instructions, you will rotate throughout the different positions.









Inside the "Puzzle's pieces" drawer, you will find the elements of the industrial areas and the settlements. The elements inform you about the name and year of establishment of each industry.

Place each element on its corresponding place over the aerial photography.

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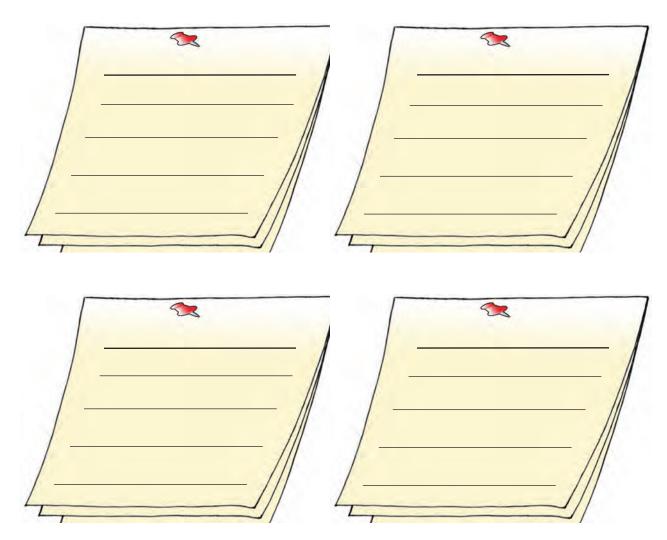
Inside the "Chemical products" drawer, you will find some jars with samples of intermediate products. Place them according to the company which makes them.

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Place on each industry the application of its production that you will find in the "**Applications**" drawer.



Select 4 industries and write down their names and their products names. You should try to not repeat them.





Locate and mark the following elements on the orthophotomap:



#### **Natural elements**

- > Francolí river
- ➤ Mediterranean Sea
- ➤ Coastline

#### Infrastructures

- ➤ A-7 Mediterranean Motorway
- ➤ N-340
- ➤ N-240
- > Airport
- ➤ Port
- Railway
- > Asesa's Dock
- > Repsol's Dock

#### Industrials areas

- > South
- ➤ Riu Clar
- > North
- Constantí

#### Tourism business

Port Aventura

#### Centres of population

TOWNS		NEIGHBORHOODS
La Pobla de Mafumet El Morell Constantí Vila-seca La Canonja		Sant Salvador Sant Pere i St Pau Torreforta La Granja Camp Clar Bonavista
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Answer the following questions:

- ➤ Which was the first industry of this industrial area?\_\_\_\_\_
- Which chemical industry has the largest area?
- Which one is closer to the centres of population?
- Which of the two petrochemical areas has the largest area?



Write down the applications of the production from the companies that you have chosen in section 4, using the information from the cards.

	Applications	
Company:	Company:	
Company:	Company:	



Once in front of the mockup, pay attention to the drawing that you have below: it is the plan of a petrochemical company. Make up the mockup with the different buildings and signs.

- Share out the informatives cards (1-9) that you will find inside the 0 drawer, called "INFORMATIVE CARDS".
- Open the drawer that responds to your card.
- Follow the instructions in the card:

  a. Place the pieces in the correct place.
  - b. Find out tis function.
  - c. Put the cards in the correct place.
  - d. Mark your working area in the diagram.
- Once the mockup is made up, you have to explain the whole process to the rest of the group.
- Everyone has to put all the material (the cards, the pieces and the informative cards) into the correspoding drawer.
- Read the text on the next page and place the numbers on the corresponding white gaps of the mockup.

#### 1. Initial process

The **oil tanker** (1) docks in the **jetty** (2) and unloads the oil, which is led throughout a **rack** (3) to a big **deposit** (4) surrounded by a **tray** (5).

#### 2. Distillation plant

The crude oil arrives to the first **distillation column** (6) where it is divided into: atmospheric residues, diesel, naphta and gases. The athmospheric residue enters the **vacuum unit** (7) where fuel, diesel, kerosene, naphta and gases are obtained. The **final products** like petrol are stored in **tanks** (8) and the **intermediate products** like naphta are stored in another **tank** (9). This process is watched from the **control room** (10).

## 3. Transformation plant: From naphta to gases

The naphta goes into the **furnfaces** (11), where it is broken, anb obtains: ethane, propylene, and benzene. Fumes from combustion are expelled by the **chimney** (12).

# 4. Petroleum gases' distillation plant

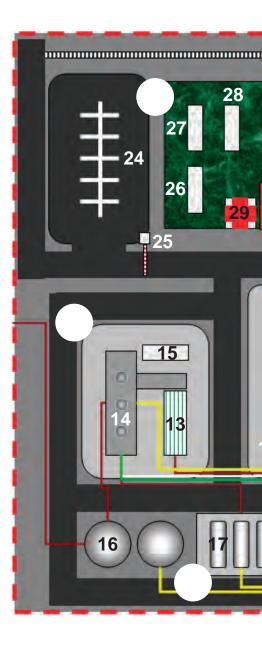
The hot gases from the furnface enter to the **refrigeration unit** (13) and then to the **distillation columns** (14), obtaining ethylene, propane, butane and other gases. Everything is controlled from the **control room** (15).

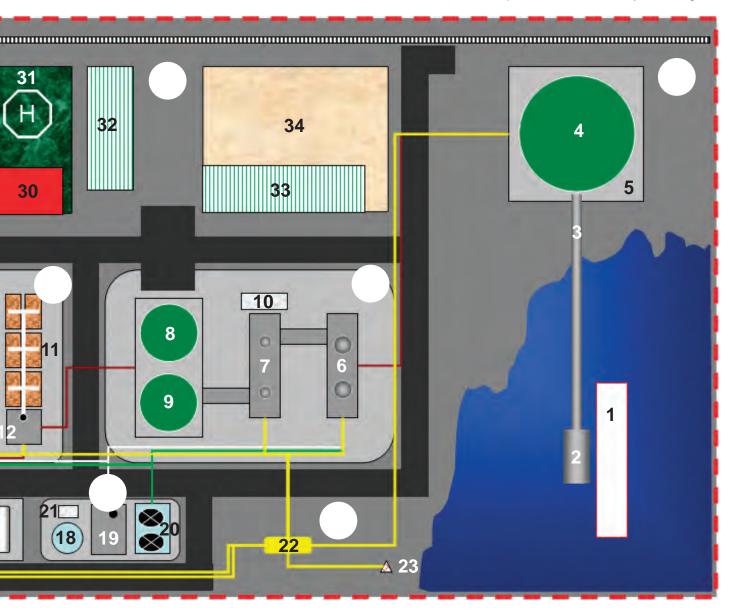
#### **5**. Storage unit

Petroleum gases, such as methane and natural gas, are stored in **sphere tanks** (16). Liquefied gases, such as propane or butane, are stored in **LGP tanks** (17).

#### 6. Water unit

The water tank (18) provides water to steam boilers (19) and to the cooling tower (20). There is also a control room (21).





# 7. Safety area

The products that have not been processed for any reason are collected through yellow pipelines and carried to a **tank** (22). Then these products are sent to the **torch** (23) to be burned and, therefore, flammable gases are not released directly to the atmosphere.

#### 8. Service area

There is a car park (24), an access control (25), a cafeteria (26), a formative classroom (27), a management building (28), a nurse's office (29), a fire station (30) and an heliport (31).

# 9. Warehouse and workshop area

Here we find a **covered** workshop (32), an **outdoor** warehouse (34), and a **covered warehouse** where raw material, additives and other materials are stored (33).



Identify these images, locate them in the correct zone and explain briefly their function.

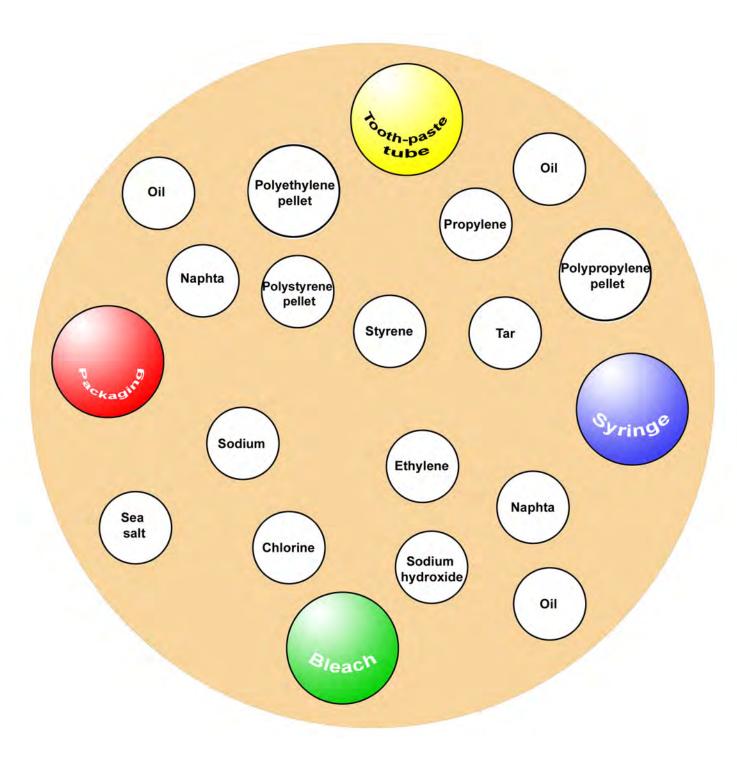
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Look at the table with spheres and match the products with its corresponding color.





Now you can write down the four routes that we have followed:

Routes		
Raw materials		
Intermediate products		
Final product		

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Classify the following products:

G	Gases	 Liquids	S	Solids
	Sea salt	Polyethylene		Sodium hydroxide
	Sodium	Polystyrene		Propylene
	Chlorine	Ethylene		Tar
	Naphta	Styrene		Polypropylene



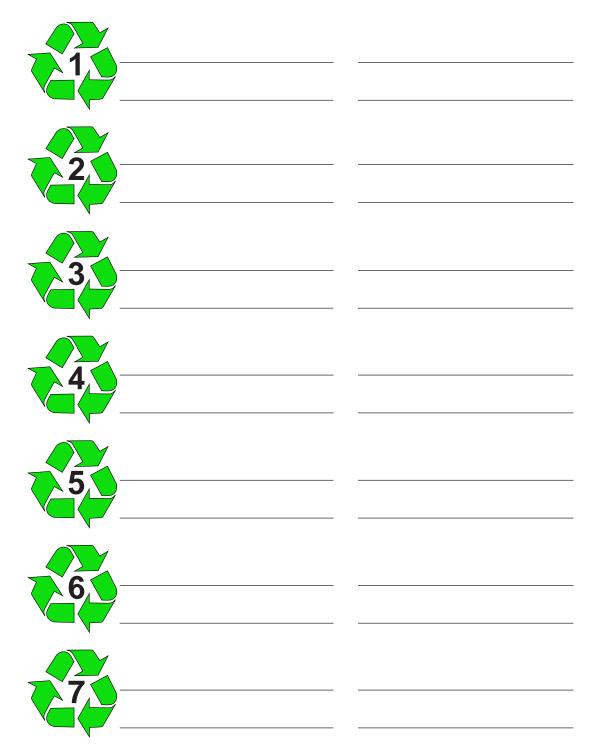
#### Match the product with its chemical formula:

	Chlorine		(H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub> )n
	Sodium		$Cl_2$
	Styrene		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>
	Ethylene		Na
	Polypropylene □		H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>
	Polyethylene		(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )n
	Methane□		C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>
	Ethane		CH <sub>4</sub>
	Bezene		$C_6H_6$
Pick ι	at the 3 buckets of pellet and touch care up some pellet from each bucket and put in	t into a	a bag. You can keep it.
Now I	ook at the showcases with plastics inside. fy.	. Write	down 8 objects that you



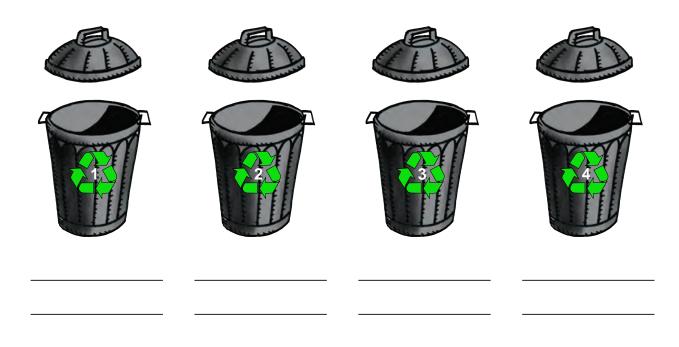


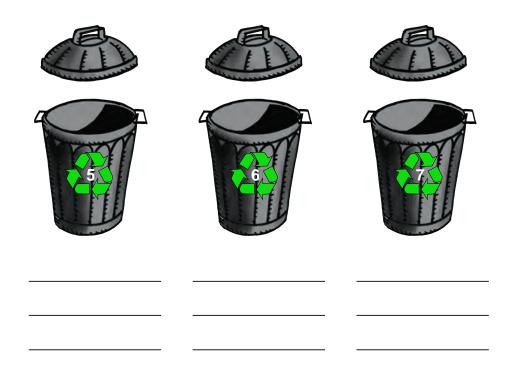
Look at the cylinders representing the seven different types of plastic. Write down the characteristics of each one.





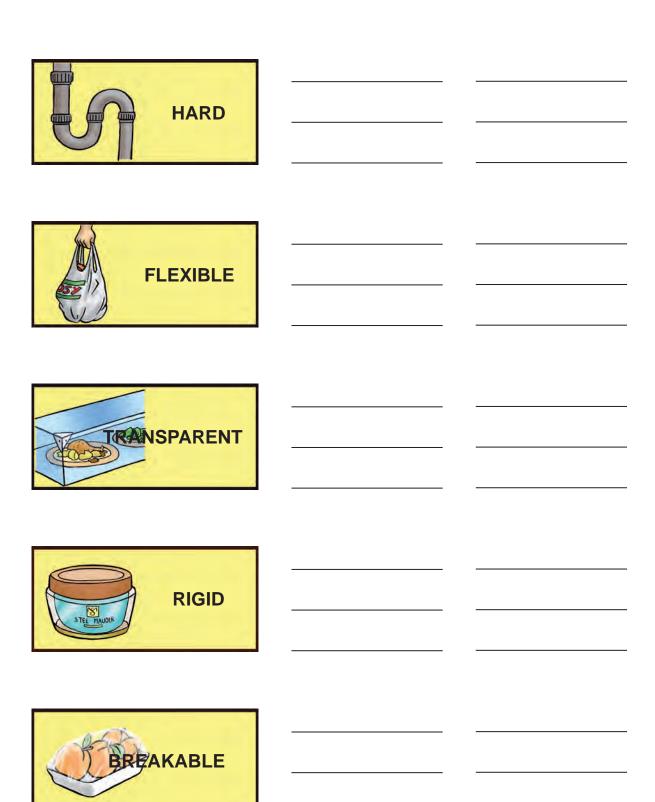
- Read the diptych.
- Write down below the bin:
- the chemical name
- the type of plastic
- the abbreviation







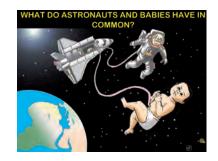
#### Classify the products that you have touched depending on what they are:





Come to an agreement with your groupmates and choose one of these experiences:

# Experiment 1. What do astronauts and babies have in common?



# **Experiment 2. Surprise!**



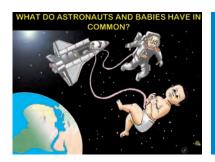
# Experiment 3. Let's make a plastic!





Follow the instructions, and good luck!





# ACTIVITY "What do astronauts and babies have in common?"

#### **OVERVIEW**

We observe the reaction of absorption of Sodium Polyacrylate with water. Then we examine the properties of reagents and products.

#### **ORGANIZATION**

We observe the reaction of absorption of This activity should be performed around a Sodium Polyacrylate with water. Then we table in groups of 3 or 4 students.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce the application of a polymer.
- To carry out the process of absorption of liquids.
- To compare the physical properties of reagents and products.

#### **DURATION**

8 minutes approx.

#### REQUIRED MATERIAL

#### INDIVIDUAL

Student's booklet

#### **SHARED**

- 1 container to collect solid residues.
- 1 container to collect dirty material.
- 1 paper roll.

#### FOR THE GROUP

- 1 worktray
- 1 bottle of 50 ml with blue sticker (Sodium Polyacrylate)
- 1 water dispenser bottle of 500 ml
- 1 plastic, large spoon
- 1 plastic glass of 250 ml
- 1 piece of paper

**WARNING** 

The manipulation of these products does not have known toxic effects. However, do not taste them or put them in contact with your eyes or skin. Wash your hands with water and soap once the activity has finished.

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. Add 2 tops of solid material from the bottle with the blue sticker to the large, plastic glass. Observe the properties of this reagent and write them down on the data table.

2.	Fill immediately the 3/4 part of the glass. Stir the mixure until you observe no change. Observe carefully. Describe everything you see.

- 3. Observe the properties of the new product and write down on the data table.
- 4. Which uses and applications do you think the Sodium Polyacrylate may have?
- 5. Dump the waste materials to the container that you have on the table.
- 6. Clean the measured containers, the glasses, the spoons and the mold, and then put them inside the box on the table.
- 7. Once you have finished the activites, wash your hands.

#### **DATA TABLE**

Reagent's properties	Product's properties



# ACTIVITY "Surprise"

#### **OVERVIEW**

You will obtain a synthetic foam from simultaneous cross-linked polymerisation reaction and foaming process. We will examinate the reagents' and the products properties.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce a polymers' transformation technique.
- To carry out a foaming process.
- To compare the characteristics of reagents and products.

#### **ORGANIZATION**

You will obtain a synthetic foam from This activity should be performed around a simultaneous cross-linked polymerisation table in groups of 3 or 4 people.

#### **DURATION**

8 minutes approx.

#### REQUIRED MATERIAL

#### **INDIVIDUAL**

Student's booklet

#### SHARED

- 1 container to pick up solid residues
- 1 container to pick up dirty material
- 1 paper roll

#### FOR THE GROUP

- 1 worktray
- 1 dispenser bottle of 250 ml of Reagent B (Sodium Borate solution)
- 1 dispenser bottle of 250 ml of Reagent C (Polyvinyl Alcohol solution)
- 1 bottle of 50 ml with a red sticker (Sodium Bicarbonate)
- 1 bottle of 50 ml with a yellow sticker (aluminium)
- 1 dispenser bottle of 500 ml with water
- 2 calibration containers
- 2 small, plastic spoons
- 1 metallic mold
- 2 plastic glasses of 100 ml
- · 1 piece of paper

#### **PROCEDURE**

- Measure 10 ml of Reagent C with a calibration container and pour it into glass
   Measure 10 ml of water with the calibration container, pour into glass 1, and stir it with the spoon.
- 2. Add 2 tops from the solid of the red sticker's bottle to glass 1, and stir it with the same spoon. Observe the properties of the mixture and write them down on the data table. Pour the content of glass 1 into the metallic mold.
- 3. Measure 10 ml of Reagent B with another calibration container and pour it into the glass.
- 4. Add 1 top from the solid of the yellow sticker's bottle to glass 2, and stir it with the spoon. Observe the properties of the mixture and write them down on the data table. Pour the content from glass 2 into the metallic mold and observe carefully. Describe everything you observe.

5.	Which uses and applications do you think the foam may have?	

- 6. Dump the residues to the container on the table.
- 7. Wash the calibration containers, the spoon and the metallic mold, and put everything in the container on the table.
- 8. Once you have finished the activities, wash your hands.

#### **DATA TABLE**

Reagent's	Product's properties	
Glass 1's mixture Glass 2's mixture		Foamed polymer



# ACTIVITY "Let's make a plastic"

#### **OVERVIEW**

We will obtain a cross-linked polymer from polyvinyl acetate and we will examine the reagents' and the products' properties.

#### **ORGANIZATION**

This activity should be performed around a tables in groups of 3 or 4 people.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce the concept "polymerisation".
- To carry out a process to obtain polymers.
- To compare the physical properties of the reagents and the products.

#### **DURATION**

8 minutes approx.

#### REQUIRED MATERIAL

#### INDIVIDUAL

Student's booklet

#### **SHARED**

- 1 container to collect solid residues
- 1 container to collect dirty material
- 1 paper roll

#### FOR THE GROUP

- 1 worktray
- 250 ml dispenser bottle Reagent A (glue solution -polyvinyl acetate-)
- 250 ml dispenser bottle of Reagent B (Sodium borate solution)
- 2 calibration containers
- 1 small, plastic spoon
- 3-4 little "minigrip" bags
- 1 piece of paper

**WARNING** 

The manipulation of these products does not have known toxic effects. However, do not taste them or put them in contact with your eyes or skin. Wash your hands with water and soap once the activity has finished.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Shake the Reagent A's (glue) bottle about 20 seconds. Then, pour 10 ml of Reagent A (glue) in a calibration container.
- 2. Pour 5 ml of Reagent B (Sodium borate) in another calibration container. Observe the properties of the two reagents and write them down on the data table.

3. Add the Reagent B (borate) to Reagent A and stir it with the spoon until you

see no change. Observe carefully. Can you see any temperature changes' Describe everything you observe.
Describe everything you observe.

- 4. Take the plastic out from the container and observe its properties. Then write them down into the data table.
- 5. Which uses and applications may have the plastic that you have made?

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- 6. Dump the residues to the container on the table.
- 7. Wash the calibration containers and the spoon, and put them into the container on the table.
- 8. Once you have finished the activities, wash your hands.

#### **DATA TABLE**

Reagents'	Product's properties	
Glue	Sodium borate	New polymer

# Now we are going to start the second part of our field work: > Tidy up everything and leave it as you found it. > Take your booklet. > Prepare your notebook and your writing material. > Be ready to take the bus. > Durant the trip: OBSERVE, LISTEN, TAKE NOTES...

#### **NOTES FROM THE ROUTE**

Mark in every point the elements that you think that can be important for the location of the industry that we are going to visit:

#### Infrastructures

Motorway	Local road	Airport	
Highway	Railway	Pipe rack	
National road	Port	Bridges	

#### Uses of the land

Farming	Wasteland	Natural vegetation	
Industrial	Urban	Forests	

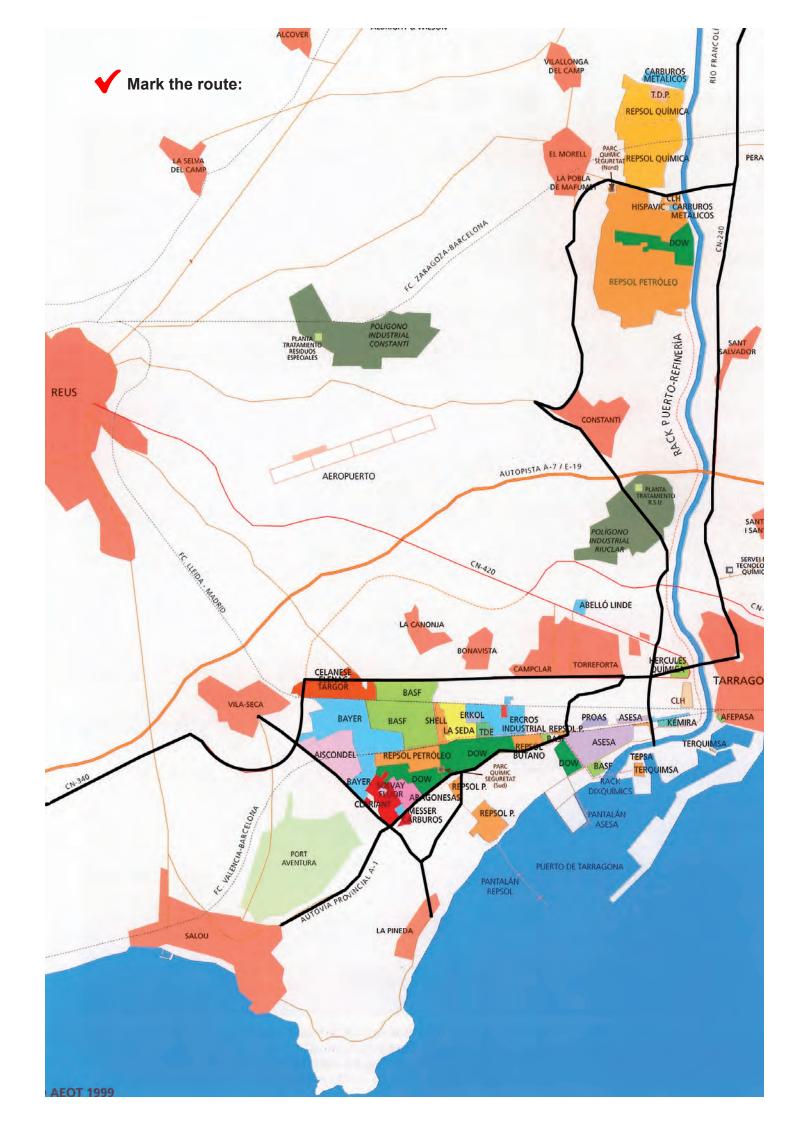
#### Traffic density and more abundants vehicles

Impossible	Low	Trucks	
Very high	Very low	Trailers	
High	Sporadic	Buses	
Medium	Non-existent	Cars	

#### Centres of population

City	Neighbourhood	Residential areas	
Town	Block of flats	Detached houses	

Petr	rochemical indu	istries that you	have located	



## **OBSERVATIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE FROM THE GAS STATION**

<b>√</b>	Natural elements			
	Mountains	River	Plain	Forests
<b>√</b>	Anthropic elemer			
	Olive trees	Vegetables	Fruit trees	Hazelnut tree
	Dryland farming	g:		
	Olive trees	Cereals	Almond trees	Vineyard
	Population:			
	Towns	Neighborhoods	Country houses	Detached houses
	Petrochemical	industry:		
	Tanks	Chimney	Distillation tower	Torches
	Pipes	Water tank	Cooling tower	Furnace



## OBSERVATIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE FROM LA PINEDA'S BREAKWATER

We are in the beach of La Pineda, in Salou. This place has always been devoted to leisurue and fun. Currently, it is an important tourist area.

Once we have reached our point of observation, turn your back to the sea and observe the landscape on your right. After a few minutes, try to explain it from your sensations:

Quiet	Calm	Heavy	Нарру
Sad	Beautiful	Disturbing	Insecure

Do the same with the left side of the breakwater:

Quiet	Calm	Heavy	Нарру
Sad	Beautiful	Disturbing	Insecure

Sad	Beautiful	Disturbing	Insecure
Which changes do	you think will take p	lace in the future?	
What can we do to	improve this landsc	ape?	

#### PREPARING THE VISIT TO THE INDUSTRY

Today you have learned about the petrochemical industries around you. Surely, this activity has raised some questions, for instance: how many people work there, which is the work schedule, how do they treat environmental issues, which final products do they offer, wih security systems do they have, etc.

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Set out your questions to the person in charge of the industry that we are going to visit.

## FUTHER WORKS

The petrochemical industry of Tarragona

As a final assessment, one of the following exercises is proposed. Following your teacher's instructions, you can either do the whole exercise or just some parts.

#### A) Elaborate a research report about petroleum and our lives.

You may want to follow this outline:

- 1. Origin of the petroleum.
- 2. Extraction and transformation processes.
- 3. Distribution of the main oilfields over the world. Distillation: Oil transformation into products.
- 4. Petroleum products.
- 5. Determinants when installing an oil refinery.
- 6. Basic procedure of an oil refinery.
- 7. Area of the petrochemical industry of Tarragona
- 8. Location of the petrochemical areas in Tarragona.
- 9. Members of AEQT.
- 10. List of products made by petrochemical industries and their function.
- 11. Direct, indirect and induced works that petrochemical industries generate.
- 12. Financial investments.
- 13. Sales on the State market and exports.

You can do your presentation on paper, PowerPoint, video, etc. Your teacher will assess the content, but also your creativity and clarity.

#### B) Five questions to develop:

- 1. Influence of the petrochemical industries on the number of new jobs: direct, indirect and induced.
- 2. Order, from least to most, the industries according to their productive capacity.
- 3. Investigate the main products that each industry procudes and their functions.
- 4. Risk and safety measures that the petrochemical industries involve for the surrounding population.
- 5. Value the positive and negative aspects that the installation of the petrochemical area in Tarrragona has entailed.

### C) Collect and analyse news about the petrochemical industries of Tarragona from *Diari de Tarragona* newspaper during the last three years.

You can look up in the Local Newspaper Library.

## D) A detailed analysis of the personal and domestic objects. Observe which ones are petroleum products and which one are not. What would you do without them?

You can choose one of these options:

- 1. Analysis in the classroom of the things we take with us and everything arround us.
- 2. Analysis of your room and wardrobe.
- 3. Analysis of your house.



In collaboration with:

