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When I was little loved going to the beach with my family, going in the nice cold water when it's hot outside and eating sandwiches and ice cream, well I bet you might like that as well. But I can't always go for a swim because of ocean pollution.

Ocean pollution is caused when people take trash and put it in the ocean or leave it in the sand so when a tide comes in it brings it into the ocean. When a fish harvester goes to get fish there can be pieces of things in the fish that they can't find when they gut the fish. When they sell that fish and we cook it and eat it we can consume it and when we do, we can choke and or even die. Also, some of the things the fish consume can be liquids and have very toxic chemicals in them and we can get sick and even die. So that's why I think ocean pollution is a problem.

But we can help stop ocean, first instead of dumping trash in the ocean instead find a trashcan to put your trash in or u can bring your own trash bag and the once you're leaving just put your trash bag in the trash can or if there is no trash, we can throw it away at your home. Second instead of bringing food in a plastic bag of buying food in a plastic bag bring a lunch box or a cooler because when you bring a plastic and take out your food and put the plastic bag down it can fly away and land in the ocean or a sea creature might on consume it and when you consume the sea creature you can also consume the plastic bag and the u can choke and die on the plastic bag or get sick so try to bring a lunch box or cooler. Last, we can stop air pollution for example if you smoke cigarettes toxic chemicals like nicotine fly out of your mouth and travel and can be consumed by a sea creature and when you consume the creature that nicotine goes through your lungs and u can get sick and or even die.

I love going swimming so maybe if you can tell people to stop we can keep going swimming without getting sick.

Sincerely

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