

## No More Plastic

What do you like to drink? Water, juice, tea or a sports drink? What do you usually use to drink your tea? A plastic straw, right? Straws are really convenient! Now many places in Taiwan don't give plastic straws because straws are made out of plastic. There are more than 23 million people in Taiwan. If everybody uses one or two straws every day, there will be a lot of straws and a lot of plastic garbage!

Most plastic things don't rot and become part of the earth when you throw them away. Food rots and becomes part of the earth when you throw it away. Paper and clothes and lots of things rot and become part of the earth after you throw them away but not plastic.

The government hopes people stop using plastic straws because that will stop tons of plastic garbage! It sounds like a good idea. But what can we use to drink our juice or sports drink?

One idea is bamboo straws or straws made out of metal. You can use a metal straw again and again. Bamboo is good for the earth. It rots and goes away like food.

We use too much plastic in Taiwan. Some of the plastic garbage goes into the ocean, and some plastic garbage stays in the earth for years and years! We can all help Taiwan by not using so many plastic things.

We can use a metal straw or a bamboo straw, and we can use our plastic bags again and again.

We have more than 23 million people in Taiwan! If everyone uses less plastic every day, it could make a big difference!