



Our holidays with seaweed

Our names are Marta and Melania and last year we spent our summer holidays in Cadiz, in a town near the beach of Azahara de los Atunes. We stayed in a small rented house and the first day, in the afternoon, we decided to go to the beach. We walked to the beach and when we got there, we put on our swimming costumes.

Unfortunately, once we were in the water, we noticed that there was more and bigger seaweed than in previous years. However, as we wanted to spend more time in the sea, we stayed for an hour. After this time, we decided to return to the rented house. A few minutes later, we started to feel itchy and jumped into the car to go to the nearest hospital.

The doctor there told us that the problem was an allergic reaction to the seaweed and gave us a special cream.

As we left the doctor's office, an old but happy woman asked us what had happened and if we were all right. We told her the whole story and she wished us good health. She also explained that that year (2021) there had been an abnormal amount of seaweed on the beaches, which had scared away all the tourists.

We said goodbye to the kind old woman and left the hospital.

Later we searched for some information about the problem on the internet and we discovered that this phenomenon was caused by the chemicals that produce acid rain, no natural fertilizers or other waste. Algae have plenty of food and they grow in excess.

Finally, we spent our summer holidays doing other things that did not include swimming in the sea.

In conclusion, because of this major problem, people can't swim in the sea and seaweed causes allergic reactions. Furthermore, the small towns where the people live are losing a lot of money to the tourists.

This is a perfect example of why we need to take action to protect the environment. Because it affects every aspect of our lives.

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