**Chinese Whispers (Stille Post)**

*Examples for texts to use for this activity:*

**SMOG in China**

A gray haze hangs over many cities in northern China. The smog can be so thick, people can’t see more than a few blocks ahead. The air quality in this part of China is among the worst in the world and is responsible for about 1.6 million deaths each year—an average of 4,400 deaths per day. The desperate situation is being dubbed an “airpocalypse.”

Source: Scienceworld, December 2019

**PLASTIC TRASH**

From the ice-covered Arctic to the tropical waters of the Pacific, all of Earth’s oceans share one thing in common: plastic pollution. Discarded plastic bags, cups, and bottles make their way into the sea. Today, it seems that no part of the ocean is safe from plastic trash.

In recent years, oceanographers have searched in vain for a pristine marine environment. They’ve found plastic everywhere they’ve looked. (…)

Plastic harms wildlife and introduces dangerous chemicals into marine *ecosystems*—communities of organisms interacting with their surroundings. Once plastic enters the environment, it lasts a long time. Researchers are working to prevent plastic pollution from entering the sea.

Source: Scienceworld, April 2017