The story

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

It doesn't sound like a great place to live…

But scientists have discovered coastal creatures making the huge plastic waste island their new home.

Researchers say these creatures will now reproduce in larger numbers than before because of the extra space created by the rubbish.

Key words and phrases

piggybacks
rides on

- When my daughter is tired, I give her a piggyback to bed.
- Businesses are piggybacking off the music festival by selling fan merchandise.

hitched (a) ride
travelled in someone else's vehicle

- I normally take the train, but today I hitched a ride with a friend.
- The satellite will hitch a ride into space on a rocket later this week.

love shack
a place for love and romance

- The couple travelled to a love shack in the woods for their honeymoon.
- The photographer arranged the room to look like a love shack.