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Leia o texto para responder às questões **21** e **22**.

Why are bottle caps attached?



Bottle caps have been a major plastic pollution problem for years and are consistently in the top 10 items found in rivers and oceans. They are small and light so they get dispersed easily and often end up being ingested by marine life with serious consequences for ecosystems.

The mandatory European Union's Single-Use Plastics Directive introduced attached caps as part of the overall plan to reduce single use plastic. By keeping the cap attached to the bottle during use and disposal, the directive aims to reduce waste and make recycling easier as both the bottle and cap are processed together.

(www.europages.co.uk, 16.12.2024. Adaptado.)

In the excerpt from the second paragraph "the directive aims to reduce waste and make recycling easier as both the bottle and cap are processed together", the underlined term, in the context, introduces

(A) a contrast.

(B) a result.

(C) an example.

(D) a reason.

(E) a comparison.

RESOLUÇÃO

ALTERNATIVA: D

Nesse contexto, a conjunção *"as"* apresenta a razão pela qual a reciclagem se torna mais fácil: a garrafa e a

tampinha são processadas juntas. Sendo assim, *“as”* possui sentido de *because* (porque) ou *since* (uma vez que), introduzindo uma explicação ou justificativa.