

The Environment and Rubbish

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Activity 1

Work with your partner to match the words in Column A below with the words in Column B.

Column A	Column B
dust _____	schemes
bottle _____	away
replanting _____	waste
recycle _____	men/women
environmentally _____	friendly
throw _____	tip
nuclear _____	bank
rubbish _____	rubbish

Activity 2

Use the word partners from Activity 1 to fill the gaps in the sentences below. Then make questions from the sentences and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Sometimes the _____ forget to collect the rubbish bags from our street and take them to the local _____.
2. I think we should _____ because it's good to re-use things.
3. The aerosol sprays I use are _____. They don't contain any CFC's so they don't damage the ozone layer.
4. I think furniture companies should all have _____. I'm sure a lot of them destroy the forests without thinking about replacing the trees.
5. I don't _____ glass bottles. I take them to the _____ for recycling.
6. I think disposing of _____ is very difficult because it is often radioactive for several years.

Activity 3

Read all the following questions then use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. How much rubbish do you and your family produce each week? What can you do to reduce this?
2. Something which is rubbish to you may not be rubbish to someone else; for example, old clothes. Do you ever give your old clothes to charity instead of throwing them away? Why/not?
3. Putting rubbish on a rubbish tip is not the only solution to the rubbish problem. What are the advantages and disadvantages of dumping rubbish at sea, burning it or sending it into space?
4. Would you like to be a dustman/woman? Why/ not? What are the good points and bad points of the job?
5. Do you think that replanting schemes are important? Whose responsibility is it to replant trees?