

1. Practice

DBH Containers Continues to Grow

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U.S. plastics manufacturer DBH Containers opened a second factory last week in Bloomington, Indiana, only two years after opening their first factory in Detroit, Michigan. Market analysts had predicted the company's likely growth not long after it was first established. 'DBH is one of the most successful plastics companies in the region,' said DBH president John Sanders in an interview yesterday.

DBH has received awards from environmental agencies for being the most eco-friendly manufacturing plant in the state. DBH uses 30 percent less water and 40 percent less energy in its production than most other plastics plants. In addition, 95 percent of DBH's products are biodegradable. That means that DBH produces even more biodegradable plastics than its main competitor, Earth-Friendly Plastics. DBH's products range from disposable dishes to beach toys.

Some Bloomington residents were unhappy that a factory opened so close to their neighborhood. The majority of residents, however, welcomed the factory's arrival, because DBH has provided hundreds of jobs for local residents.

1-1 Complete the sentences by dragging the correct words from the bank below into place. There are more words than you need.

Most residents of the (1) _____ work in a nearby plastics factory.

We need to find a manufacturing (2) _____ to produce our water bottles.

Since Shim Manufacturing has closed down, our main (3) _____ is now Clob Industries.

The company's products have been approved by the (4) _____ agency.

The (5) _____ plastics made by Halicor Supplies break down in a short period of time.

(a) competitor	(b) biodegradable
(c) plant	(d) successful
(e) neighborhood	(f) established
(g) environmental	(h)

1-2 Choose the correct answer.

Which section of a newspaper does this article most likely come from?

- Ⓐ Sports
- Ⓑ Business
- Ⓒ Arts and Entertainment
- Ⓓ Health

1-3 Choose the correct answer.

What is the purpose of the article?

- Ⓐ To publicize a new type of plastic
- Ⓑ To announce the expansion of a business
- Ⓒ To reveal the winner of an award
- Ⓓ To advertise job opportunities

1-4 What is indicated about DBH? Select all that apply.

- ☐ It limits the amount of water it uses.
- ☐ It uses less energy than its competitors.
- ☐ It makes products that are biodegradable.
- ☐ It is managed by Manuel Cortez.

1-5 Choose the correct answer.

Who is Mr. Sanders?

- Ⓐ A newspaper writer
- Ⓑ The president of DBH
- Ⓒ The owner of Earth-Friendly Plastics
- Ⓓ The head of an environmental agency

2-3 Choose the correct answer.

In the article, the word "plant" in paragraph 2, line 2, means

- Ⓐ a growth
- Ⓑ a factory
- Ⓒ a container
- Ⓓ a product

2. Quiz

2-1 Choose the correct answer.

Why did DBH receive awards?

- Ⓐ For providing the most jobs in the area
- Ⓑ For reviving the local neighborhood
- Ⓒ For designing an energy-efficient factory
- Ⓓ For producing environmentally-safe products

2-4 Choose the correct answer.

What is NOT indicated about DBH?

- Ⓐ It is based in the United States.
- Ⓑ It operates two factories.
- Ⓒ It is very successful.
- Ⓓ It makes metal containers.

2-2 Choose the correct answer.

When did DBH open its first factory?

- Ⓐ Last week
- Ⓑ Last year
- Ⓒ Two years ago
- Ⓓ Thirty years ago

2-5 Choose the correct answer.

Why are Bloomington residents pleased about the opening of the factory?

- Ⓐ It will attract many tourists.
- Ⓑ It has provided many new jobs.
- Ⓒ It produces beach toys.
- Ⓓ It won many prizes.