

## Exam technique: Using news articles to improve your answers

**Exam tip:** The Part 3 topics do not require specialist knowledge and you will not be marked on your opinions. However, you may find it difficult to think of enough to say and your answers may lack depth. For this reason, you should regularly read news articles to build up an awareness of current affairs and develop your opinions on a wide range of topics, such as the ones in this book.

### 1 Read the following excerpt from a newspaper article.

What do you think about the article? Do you find the report worrying? What is your country doing to reduce its footprint? What are the environmental consequences of the lifestyles that the people in your country lead?


Do some research, make some notes, and then discuss the topic with someone. How do your views differ?

#### We Will Need A Second Earth

A new report reveals that if we fail to reduce our rates of consumption, we will soon need a new earth to meet our needs. The report, issued by conservation groups, warns that our demands on natural resources are unsustainable and that if they continue to rise at the same rate, by the mid-2030s we will require a second planet to maintain our lifestyles.

A spokesperson for one group said, 'Our reckless consumption is destroying the planet. In addition, there are economic repercussions - with the unprecedented depletion of natural resources, food, water and energy costs are set to soar.' The US and China are the worst offenders, together accounting for forty per cent of the global ecological footprint.

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 2 You are now going to hear some Part 3 questions. The research you have done, and your practice discussing the topic, should mean that you have much to say. Pause the CD after each question and give your answer.

Now listen to the sample answer and read Track 29 on page 106.