

Recycling and reusing

VOCABULARY

LEVEL
Intermediate

NUMBER
BS_2521V_EN

LANGUAGE
English





Goals

- Can use simple vocabulary related to recycling and reusing.
- Can understand and use vocabulary related to eco-friendly lifestyles.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will learn how to talk about **recycling** and **eco-friendly** lifestyles.



My colleagues and I always **reuse** paper.



Vocabulary review

to recycle

waste

to reuse

eco-friendly

environment

rubbish

to separate



to throw away



Examples



My family likes to **recycle**, we're very **eco-friendly**.

I always try to **reuse** my bags. I never **throw them away**!



We are **separating** all our **waste**.

We produce too much **rubbish**, this isn't good for the **environment**.





Match the words to the pictures

1. to recycle

2. to reuse clothes

3. to separate

4. rubbish

5. to throw away

6. eco-friendly house

A



C



E



B



D

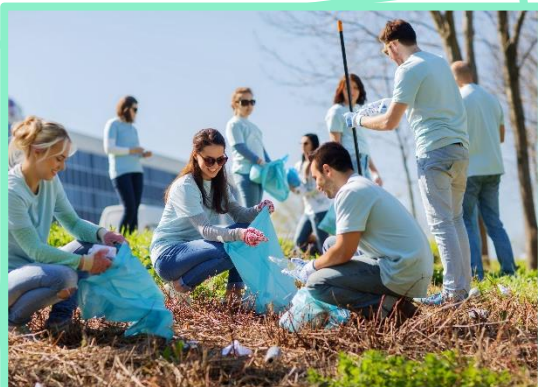


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What do you see in these pictures?





Speaking

**Read the questions below.
Then, share your experience with your classmates!**



1. How often do you recycle?

2. What things do you usually reuse?

3. What things do you usually throw away without reusing?



New words

paper

We can always reuse **paper** from the printer.



glass

I use the same **glass** bottle every day.



carton

Carton boxes can store lots of items.



plastic

They always use **plastic** bags for waste.



single-use

reusable



A **single-use** object (or material) can only be used once. After that, it becomes rubbish.

There are also **reusable** objects (or materials). You can use them many times!



New words

electronic items

Old **Electronic items** are difficult to recycle sometimes.



organic waste

Organic waste decomposes more quickly than plastic or glass.





Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps using the words in the boxes.

1. I always buy secondhand. I prefer _____ objects to buying new things!
2. Hotels, airlines and restaurants produce a lot of _____, especially food.
3. I taught my employees how to _____. We need to start separating rubbish at the office immediately!
4. TVs, smartphones, laptops and other _____ take a long time to decompose.
5. Supermarkets are trying to avoid selling _____ bags.
6. I only buy notebooks made of recycled _____.

organic waste

recycle

paper

plastic

reusing

electronic items



Imagine you have these objects. Can you recycle them?

cardboard box



glass



computer



carrier bag



ceramics



dirty pizza box



mirror



tin cans



beer bottle



plastic bottle



newspaper



saucepan



Can be recycled

Cannot be recycled



Brainstorming



Look around you.
What objects do you see that
are made of these materials?

Example:
I can see a bottle made of glass.



New words

to use reusable bottles

I use **reusable bottles** to avoid buying new ones all the time.



to consume less meat

We are trying to **consume less meat** and learn new recipes.





New words

to buy low-energy bulbs

I **bought low-energy bulbs** to save more energy...and money!

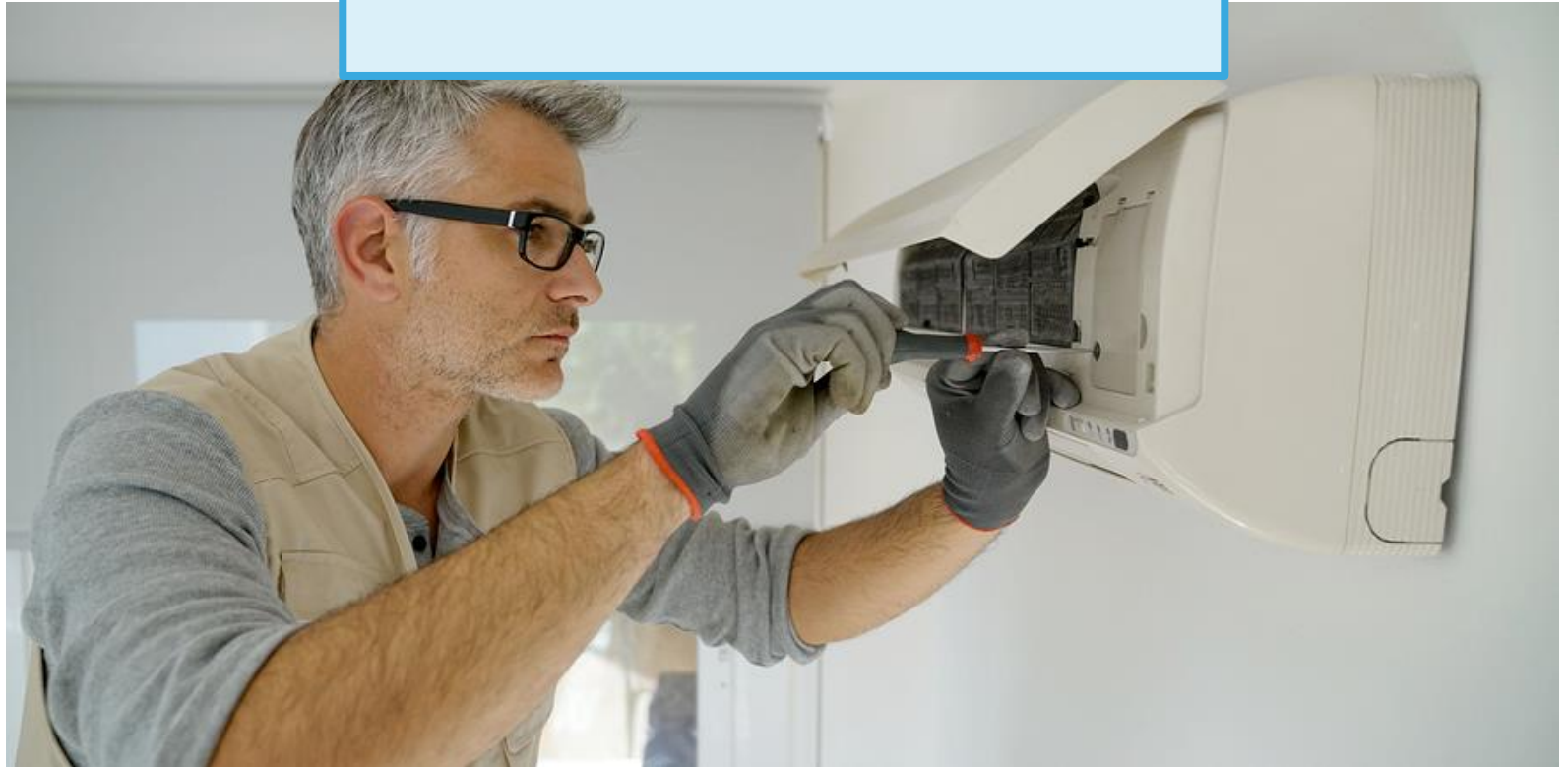


to take shorter showers

She now **takes shorter showers** to save water.



to fix



It is a good idea to **fix** objects before buying new ones immediately.



New words

to buy second-hand

My cousin always **buys second-hand** clothes.



to donate old clothes

We usually **donate our old clothes**.
This way, other people can use them!



to take public transport



They **take public transport** because it is cheaper and eco-friendly.



Match the pictures to the phrases

1. to buy low-energy bulbs

2. to take public transport

3. to buy second hand furniture

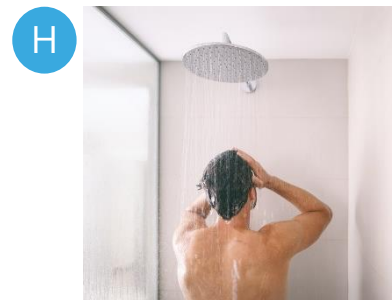
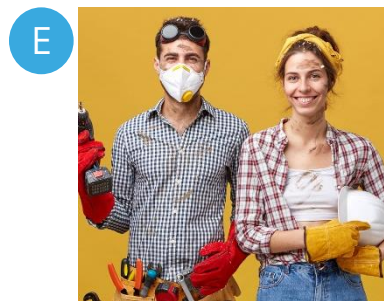
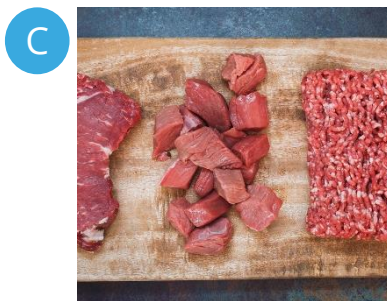
4. to consume less meat

5. to use reusable bottles

6. to take shorter showers

7. to fix

8. to donate old clothes





Which are you more likely to do? Explain your choice

fix a broken mobile phone or buy a new one?

take shorter showers or consume less meat?

take public transport or donate old clothes?

use a reusable bottle or buy second-hand furniture?



Take this short survey then share your answers

	YES	NO
1. I think my lifestyle is eco-friendly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I try to buy at local shops instead of big supermarkets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Consuming less meat is no problem for me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Taking shorter showers is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Buying second-hand clothes is the best way to be eco-friendly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I think people are too lazy to walk or take public transport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Discuss

Think of some answers to the following questions then share your ideas with the class.



1. What is the best advice for somebody who wants to be eco-friendly?

2. What is the easiest and the most difficult eco-friendly habit?

3. Should eco-friendly habits be taught in schools?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer Key

Exercise 1, p.7

1 - f

2 - c

3 - b

4 - d

5 - a

6 - e

Exercise 2, p.13

1 - reusing

2 - organic waste

3 - recycle

4 - electronic items

5 - plastic

6 - paper



Answer Key

Exercise 3, p.14

Cardboard box – can be recycled
Glass – can be recycled
Computer – can be recycled
Grocery bag – can be recycled
Ceramics – cannot be recycled
Dirty pizza box – cannot be recycled
Mirror – cannot be recycled
Tin cans – can be recycled
Beer bottle – can be recycled
Plastic bottle – can be recycled
Newspaper – can be recycled
Pot – cannot be recycled

Exercise 4, p.21

1. F
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. H
7. E
8. G





Complete the sentences

Can you complete these sentences with the vocabulary you have learned in this lesson?

1. To recycle, you must _____ waste first.
2. I like _____ my bottles instead of buying new ones.
3. Have you ever _____ old clothes?
4. We are trying to consume less _____ and eat more lentils and beans.
5. She now takes _____ instead of driving.



Writing

Create your own sentences with the following words!

recycle

reusable

single-use

plastic

take public
transport

donate old
clothes



Example: We recycle together at the
office.





Writing

**A friend asked you for advice to become eco-friendly.
What advice can you give?**

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To:

From:

Dear _____,

Here is my advice if you want to become more eco-friendly. First,...



Homework answer key

Exercise p.36

1. separate
2. reusing
3. donated / reused
4. meat
5. public transport



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