

# The environment

## A

## Going green

1 Complete the text with one word from box A and one word from box B.

A	e-	global	hybrid	<del>nuclear</del>	organic	plastic	recycling	solar	wind
B	bags	bin	car	<del>energy</del>	energy	farm	food	warming	waste

### Easy Ways You Can Help the Environment



1. Many people don't like nuclear energy. They prefer to get their electricity from a wind farm.

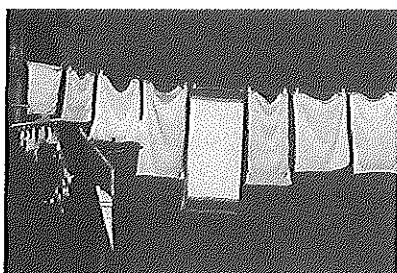
2. Buy and drive a hybrid car. They don't use as much gas as other cars, and they cause less pollution.

3. Take your own cloth bags to the supermarket. Don't use plastic bags.

4. Cook and eat organic food. It is safer for the environment.

5. Regular lightbulbs are not good for the environment. Use CFLs instead. This will help reduce solar energy.

6. Put a large recycling bin in your house, and recycle paper, glass, and plastic.



7. When you buy a new computer, don't throw the old one away. If it still works, give it to a friend. This will help reduce e-waste.

8. Use global warming to dry your clothes. Put your towels, blouses, shirts, pants, and even jeans on a clothesline to dry in the sun.

## 2 Write C (count noun) or N (noncount noun).

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. energy <u>N</u>    | 4. recycling bin <u>C</u> | 7. bottle <u>C</u>   |
| 2. e-waste <u>N</u>   | 5. pollution <u>N</u>     | 8. landfill <u>C</u> |
| 3. lightbulb <u>C</u> | 6. plastic bag <u>C</u>   | 9. plastic <u>N</u>  |

## 3 Complete the sentences with *fewer* or *less*.

1. The world would be a better place with less e-waste.
2. People should use fewer plastic bags.
3. There should be less pollution in big cities.
4. There are fewer wind farms in the United States than in Europe.
5. Many people are trying to use less energy in their homes.
6. I'm sure you'll use fewer gas with your hybrid car.

## 4 Complete the letter with *too many* or *too much*.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

June 17

I read the article *Building Goes Up Green* yesterday. It was very interesting, and I'm glad we're going to have a shopping mall that is better for the environment. There are too many<sup>1</sup> buildings in this city that are bad for the environment. Most buildings use too much<sup>2</sup> energy, so it's important that the new buildings will use solar energy.

I think that the mall has a lot of creative ideas to help the environment in other ways, too. Using cloth bags is a wonderful idea. People will save money and help the environment at the same time. There are many<sup>3</sup> plastic bags in landfills around the world, and every little bit helps! I also think there are many<sup>4</sup> landfills in this city, so I'm glad the shopping mall plans to have a recycling center, too. People throw away too much<sup>5</sup> garbage, and I hope this will help more people recycle.

I hope you write more articles about the mall.

Sincerely,

Dennis Armstrong

Environmental Student



- 5 Look at the web post. Then write sentences about what Mi-yon has. Use *not enough* or *too many*.

Thank you, friends! I almost have enough recycled things for my art project, but I still need a few more. If you have any of them, please send them to me at 556 Claremont Street.

	I needed	Now I have	I still need
1. plastic bottles	100	85	15
2. glass bottles	25	30	0
3. plastic bags	250	199	51
4. old lightbulbs	50	40	10
5. old toothbrushes	30	42	0
6. old CDs	175	170	5

Thanks!

Mi-yon Kam, Green Artist

1. Mi-yon doesn't have enough plastic bottles.
2. She has too many glass bottles.
3. She doesn't have enough plastic bags.
4. She doesn't have enough old lightbulbs.
5. She has too many old toothbrushes.
6. She doesn't have enough old CDs.

- 6 Answer the questions with your own information. Use quantifiers.

Example: Yes, I do. I recycle paper. I could recycle more glass and plastic. or

No, I don't, and I don't use enough cloth bags.

1. Do you recycle? Yes, I recycle more plastic bag.
2. Do you have recycling bins in your home? Yes, I recycle bin more plastics.
3. Does your town have enough recycling centers? Yes, It has enough recycling bin centers.
4. Do you use things in your home to save energy? No, In my home doesn't save too much energy.
5. How much pollution is in your town? In my town, there are too many pollutions.
6. How could you make less garbage in your home? I could make less garbage in my home.

# B

## *I'd rather not say.*

Complete each conversation with the expressions in the box.

I'd say about      I'd rather not answer that

A. Larry: Hi, Kim. How's your new house?

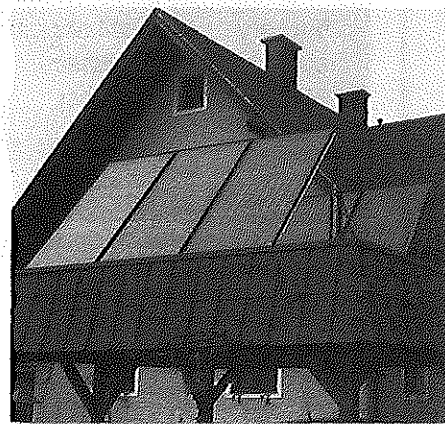
Kim: It's great. We love the solar roof.

Larry: How much is your electric bill now?

Kim: I'd say about <sup>1</sup> \$40 a month.

Larry: Wow! That's cheap. How much did the solar roof cost?

Kim: I'd rather not answer that <sup>2</sup>, but it was a good purchase. We save money each month, and we help the environment!



I'd say maybe      I'd rather not say

B. Alice: Hi, Hala. Where are you going?

Hala: I'm going to the mall.

Alice: What are you going to buy?

Hala: Actually, I'd rather not say <sup>1</sup>. It's a surprise for my sister's birthday.

Alice: Oh, OK. Well, I'll see you at her party. What time should I get there?

Hala: Oh, I'd say maybe <sup>2</sup> around 6:00 p.m.

Alice: OK.

probably      I'd prefer not to say

C. Peng: Wow, Steve. I like your new car.

Steve: Thanks!

Peng: When did you get it?

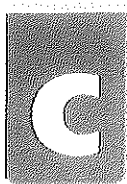
Steve: Um, I'd prefer not to say <sup>1</sup> about a month ago.

Peng: Is it a hybrid car?

Steve: No, it isn't. The hybrid cars were too expensive.

Peng: Oh, that's too bad. How much do you spend on gas?

Steve: Probably <sup>2</sup>, but definitely too much!



# What will happen?

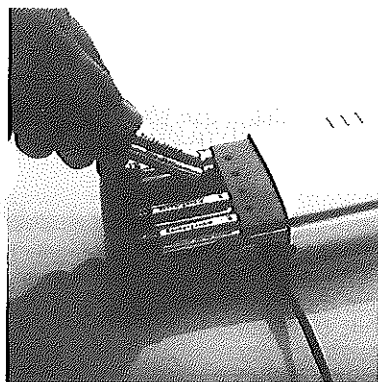
1 Circle the correct verb to complete each tip for helping the environment.

1. Use / Grow / Take a clothesline.
2. Fix / Buy / Use leaky faucets.
3. Take / Pay / Buy local food.
4. Grow / Take / Pay public transportation.
5. Use / Pay / Fix rechargeable batteries.
6. Pay / Fix / Use cloth shopping bags.
7. Grow / Pay / Use your own food.
8. Take / Fix / Pay bills online.

2 Look at the pictures. Complete each sentence with the simple present of one tip from Exercise 1.



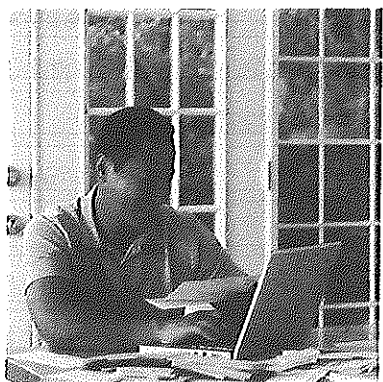
1. Debbie uses a  
clothesline.



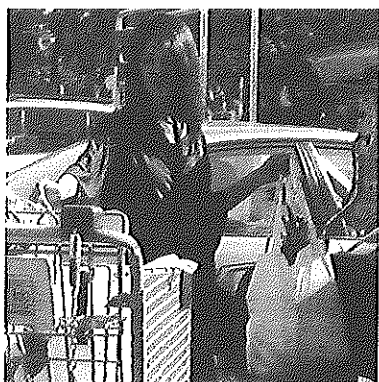
2. Martin rechargeable  
batteries.



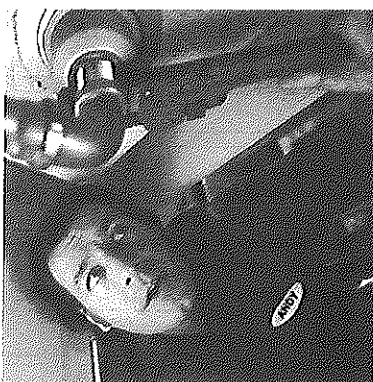
3. Many people in big cities  
take public transportation.



4. Wesley pays bill  
online.



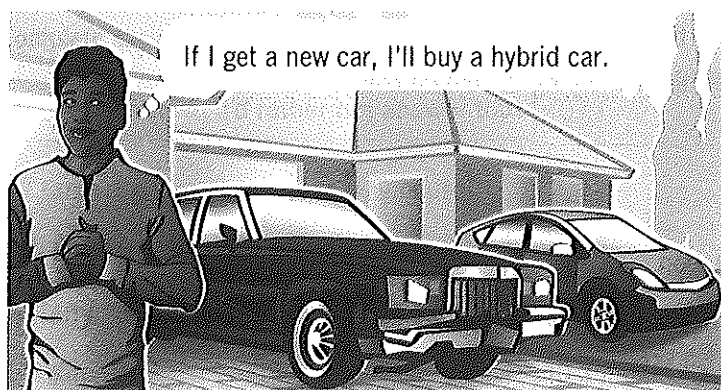
5. Rita uses cloth shopping bag.



6. Andy fixes leaky faucets.



- 3** Complete the story. Change the main clause of the last sentence to an *if* clause in the next sentence.



1. If I buy a hybrid car , I'll save money on gas.
2. If I save , I'll have more money to spend.
3. If I have a lot of money , I'll buy a new cell phone.
4. If my cell phone don't break , I'll recycle my old cell phone.
5. If we use fewer plastics , there will be less e-waste.
6. If ther world doesn't have many pollutions , the world will be a better place!

- 4** Write sentences with the phrases in the chart. Use the first conditional and *will*. Write each sentence two ways.

	Who	The condition	The result
1.	Robert	use rechargeable batteries	buy fewer batteries
2.	Emma	take public transportation	use less gas
3.	Tom and Jackie	have enough money	buy a hybrid car
4.	You	buy local food	get good fruit and vegetables
5.	We	recycle more bottles	help the environment

1. If Robert uses rechargeable batteries, he'll buy fewer batteries.  
Robert will buy fewer batteries if he uses rechargeable batteries.
2. If Emma takes public transportation, she will help the environment.
3. If Tom and Jackie have enough money, they will buy a hybrid car.
4. If you recycle more bottles, you will help the environment.
5. If we buy local food, we will get good fruit and vegetable.

**5** Write the answers to the questions. Use the first conditional and the words in parentheses.

www.ecoblog.cup/Q&A

## We want your opinions! Please tell us what you think!

What do you think will happen if more people recycle?



Marc67: If more people recycle, we might have less garbage.

(have less garbage / we / might)



SSGreen: If more people use less plastic, it could help the environment.

(could / help the environment / it)

What do you think will happen if our town starts a wind farm?



EcoJoe:

(use less energy / we / may)



EvaR22:

(be more jobs / might / there)

What do you think will happen if the big supermarket closes?



SSGreen:

(we / may / buy more local food)



EvaR22:

(some people / get upset / might)

**6** Answer the questions with your own opinion. Use *will*, *may*, *might*, or *could*. Use each word at least once.

Example: If people stop driving cars, there will be less pollution. or

Many people might lose their jobs if people stop driving cars.

1. What will happen if people stop driving cars? If people stop driving cars, it may reduce pollution.
2. What will happen if everyone buys a bike? If everyone buys a bikes, it will be easy to travel on the road.
3. What will happen if we don't have clean water? If we don't have clean water, it will affect our health
4. What will happen if people don't fix leaky faucets? If people don't fix leaky faucets, it won't use ones.
5. What will happen if there is no more pollution? People will be healthy if there is no pollution.
6. What will happen if people have to pay for plastic bags in stores? It may be good if people pay for plastic bags in stores.
7. What will happen if you grow your own food? I will be happy if I grow my own food.
8. What will happen if people buy new computers every year? The world will be more e-waste if people buy new computers every year.

1 Read the article. Then check (✓) the chapters that might be in Chelsea Thomson's book.

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|---|---|
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How to Use Less Energy | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> How to Have More Garbage                  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> How to Waste Time                 | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How to Use Your Car Less Often |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> How to Recycle More               | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Where to Buy Local Food        |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Buy More Than You Need            | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Kinds of Food You Can Grow at Home        |



Dear Readers,

My new book, *Going Completely Green*, is finished! As the title says, I decided to go completely green for a month – no electricity, no running water, no car, no phone, no computer! I didn't even use anything with batteries. It was very difficult, and I decided to write a book about my experience. During the day, I wrote on paper with a pencil. When I wanted to sharpen my pencil, I remembered my pencil sharpener uses electricity. I had to sharpen it with a knife! At night, I used a candle for light. I washed

all of my clothes by hand with water from the river behind my house, and then I put them on a clothesline. I walked to a local farm to buy food. I ate mostly fruits and vegetables. I only ate meat about five times, and I cooked it over a fire in my yard. The hardest part was not talking to friends and family on the phone or emailing them. My best friend lives an hour away by car, so I didn't communicate with her at all.

In my opinion, it is impossible to live completely green for a long time, but there are many things you can do. Now, I try to work with the lights off for most of the day. I'm driving my car again, but I try to walk or ride my bike when I only have to go a short distance. I buy more local food now, too. I have to use my computer for work, but I use it for fewer hours each day. I also turn it off when I'm not home. There are many things you can do to use less energy and water. This book will help you learn how to live a greener life. If you follow the steps in my book, you'll really help the environment. Oh, and if you buy my book, you might want to read it by candlelight to save energy!

Chelsea Thomson

2 Read the article again. Rewrite the sentences to correct the underlined mistakes.

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| 1. Chelsea went green for <u>two months</u> .                      | <u>Chelsea went green for a month.</u>                               |      |
| 2. She wrote <u>on a computer</u> .                                | <u>She wrote on paper with a pencil.</u>                             |      |
| 3. She washed her clothes <u>on a clothesline</u> .                | <u>She washed her clothes by hand with water from the river.</u>     | time |
| 4. She thinks it's impossible <u>to work with the lights off</u> . | <u>She think it's impossible to live completely green for a long</u> |      |
| 5. Now she <u>drives her car</u> for short distances.              | <u>Now she try to walk or ride a bike for short distances.</u>       |      |
| 6. She turns her computer off if <u>she's working</u> .            | <u>She turns her computer off if she's not home.</u>                 |      |