

Finding solutions

A Environmental concerns

1 Complete the sentences and the puzzle with the correct verbs. What's the mystery word?

- Dana wants to _____ her old computer, but she doesn't know where to take it.
- Lydia _____ tasks when she goes out in her car. For example, she buys food at a store near her office.
- Don't _____ oil on the ground.
- Jack's car is in great condition. He _____ it by checking the oil often.
- You should _____ where the recycling room is in your new apartment building.



2 Complete the text with the correct verbs from the box.

avoid	conserve	limit	store
commute	discard	purchase	✓recycle

Simple Ways You Can Reduce Pollution



- _____ Recycle _____ items like newspapers, magazines, and plastic bottles from your home.
- _____ products that are harmful for the environment. Instead, _____ "green" products for your home.
- _____ old batteries and printer ink properly. Be sure you _____ them in a safe place until you find the right place to throw them away.
- How do you _____ to work? Can you walk, take a bus, or ride a bicycle to work? If you have to drive, try to go to work with other people in your car.
- _____ water. When you wash your hair or brush your teeth, turn the water off until you are ready to use it again. In this way, you can _____ how much water you use.

3 Complete the sentences with the present continuous passive of the verb in parentheses.

STAYING GREEN

Many hotels do things that are not good for the environment. For example, water is being wasted¹ (waste) every day in many hotels, and many items are not recycled² (not / recycle). The good news is that there is a growing number of "green" hotels around the world. The Alto Hotel in Melbourne, Australia, is one that is making a difference. For example, the lights at the hotel are powered by wind energy, and the guests' newspapers are recycled every day. Other environmentally friendly things are done³ (do) every day at the Alto Hotel, too. If you go there, you'll see that "green" cleaning products are used⁴ (use) to clean the rooms. Rain water is collected and stored⁵ (collect and store) at the hotel and then used later for cleaning and for watering plants. Hotel guests are taught⁶ (teach) how to help the environment, too. The hotel gives people free parking⁷ (remind) if they drive electric or hybrid cars. And guests are reminded (remind) that they can walk to places close to the hotel. Not only is the hotel environmentally friendly⁸, it's a beautiful place to stay, too.

4 Write sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use the simple present with the infinitive passive.

1. (Something / have / do / about the parking problem)

Something has to be done about the parking problem.

2. (More "green" buildings / need / create)

3. (Chemicals / have / store / in safe containers)

4. (Batteries / have / discard / properly)

5. (More water / need / conserve)

6. (Newspapers / need / recycle)

5 Circle the correct words to complete the conversation.

Rosa: Something has to be done₁ / is being done about the pollution in this city.

Jake: I agree that the problem needs to be taken care of / is being taken care of₂, but it's too big for us to do anything about it.

Rosa: We can help a lot! A lot of pollution to be made₃ / is being made by our cars.

Jake: But we have to get to work!

Rosa: There are other ways to go. You know, in some cities cars not to be allowed₄ / aren't being allowed on the road with only one person.

Jake: Hmm, that's interesting. I guess if changes have to be made₅ / are being made, people will make them!

Rosa: Maybe we can talk to people at work and start a carpool . . . you know, ride together.

Jake: That's a good idea. That new highway to be built₆ / is being built right now. It will be easy for me to pick up you and Tonya on my way to work.

Rosa: That'd be great. But don't remind me about the new highway! Think of all the pollution that to be created₇ / is being created by all those cars!



6 Complete the sentences with your own ideas about your country. If you need help, you can use some of the words in the box.

clean	fix	paper	pollution	technology
conserve	health clinics	parks	recycle	trash
education	newspapers	plastic	recycling programs	waste

Example: Something has to be done about maintaining our bridges. or
Something has to be done about the pollution in our air.

1. Something has to be done about _____.
2. Not enough money is being spent on _____.
3. A lot of money is being spent on _____.
4. _____ is / are being recycled.
5. _____ isn't / aren't being recycled.
6. The highways need to be _____.

B

That's a good point.

1 Complete the conversation with the sentences from the box.

I see it a little differently.
It's better to pay more for something that doesn't harm the environment.
Thanks. I like the idea of "green" products.
That's great, but these products are really expensive.
✓ This store is great. They only sell "green" products.
Wow. You make a very good point.
Yes, but you have the money to pay more.



Ken: This store is great. They only sell "green" products.

Bill: _____

Ken: I think that's OK. _____

Bill: _____

I think everyone should be able to buy products that help the environment.

Ken: Well, I don't mind paying more!

Bill: _____

What about people who don't have the money? They should be able to buy "green" products, too.

Ken: _____

Bill: _____

I just think they should be cheaper.

2 What do you think about these opinions? Use a phrase from the box to give your own response.

Actually, I have a different opinion. I see what you mean.
I don't see it that way. That's a good point.

1. Ken: People should have to drive with two or more people in their cars.

You: _____

2. Bill: People shouldn't have to recycle if they don't want to.

You: _____

C

My community

- 1 Label each picture with the correct community improvement phrase.
Use one word from each box.

✓ beautification	employment	neighborhood	recreation
community	health	public	recycling

center	center	garden	✓ project
center	clinic	library	watch



1. beautification project



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. don't recycle / a recycling center here, / Although / there's / many people / .

Although there's a recycling center here, many people don't recycle.

2. after school / Jen goes / Jen's mom / so / works late, / to a recreation center / .

3. a city rule / because of / We / about maintaining cars / have cleaner air / .

4. a beautification project / so that / this area / We / will look better / should start / .

5. Our yard / at the garden center / we / if / will look nice / get plants / .

3 Circle the correct words to complete the email.

Dear Councilman Sanders:

I am a concerned citizen in your area. So Although the city council office is working to fight crime in our neighborhood, we still need more help. This is a significant problem, and many people in the neighborhood no longer go out at night

if / because of the crime. A few of my neighbors and I want to try to help solve the problem. We feel things will get better if / so we start a neighborhood watch. But we don't think that's enough. We think the police need to be in our neighborhood more because of / so criminals know they will get caught. We're dedicated to changing things, so / although we will be at the next community meeting on May 8 at

7:00 p.m. in the Oakmont Community Center. We hope you or someone from your office will be there because of / so that you can help. Although / if this email may seem negative, we appreciate your work on the city council. I'm asking for your help so that / because of what you have done in the past for our great city.

Please contact me if you have questions or if you'd like more information about our plan for a neighborhood watch.

Thank you,

Brenda Quinton

-Concerned citizen

4 Combine the phrases to make sentences. Add *although*, *because of*, *if*, *so*, or *so that*. Add a comma when necessary.

1. you should go to the health clinic / you don't feel well

You should go to the health clinic if you don't feel well.

2. Dennis doesn't like sports / he plays basketball with his brother once in a while

Although Dennis

3. Carla loves sports / she plays soccer and tennis at the recreation center

4. my mother enjoys being outside / she works a lot in the community garden

5. Mr. and Mrs. Quinton don't go out at night / the crime in the neighborhood

6. I'll go to the employment center tomorrow / I don't get this job today

7. we should ask for volunteers / the beautification project won't be too expensive

8. we have a great public library here / some people rarely read a book

5 Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Neighbors! Although I'm happy that we have a new recycling center in the neighborhood, I think it needs to be improved. The containers aren't big enough, so there are always items on the floor. The area would be much cleaner if the containers were bigger. There is also no place to recycle newspapers, so I think that needs to be added. Someone told me the recycling center is small because of a lack of money. We need to write to Councilman Steven Sanders and tell him how important this center is so that something can be done about it. Neighbors - please help yourselves, and write a letter today so we can get this problem fixed! Email Shawn Davis for more information at SDavis@cup.com.

1. Is Shawn happy that there is a new recycling center?

Yes, he is.

2. Are the containers at the center big enough?

3. Is the recycling center clean?

4. What needs to be added to the center?

5. Why is the recycling center small?

6. Why does Shawn want people to write to Steven Sanders?

D

Getting involved

- 1 Read the text. What are three benefits of mobile health clinics?

They _____ 1 _____ 2
and _____ 3 _____

Health Clinics on the Move

Health care is a concern around the world. There are often too many people at hospitals, and in some areas people have to commute a long way to get to them. One solution to this problem is mobile health clinics. Mobile health clinics are like a small doctor's office in a van. The van drives to different locations so that people can get to it easily. Mobile clinics don't provide everything that a doctor's office or a hospital can, but there are a lot of services they do have. Doctors and nurses in mobile health clinics help people who are sick, test people for medical problems, and give patients information.

One benefit of mobile health clinics is that they can save money. When people are being checked at a mobile health clinic, they can avoid expensive trips to the emergency room. For example, in the United States, a trip to a mobile health clinic in Boston, Massachusetts, costs about \$120. A visit to an emergency room in the same area is usually about \$970.

Mobile health clinics can also help people avoid serious health problems. The St. Joseph Mobile Health Clinic in Santa Rosa, California, helps over 1,400 families every year. These are people who might not go to a doctor regularly if there weren't



any mobile health clinics. They would only go to a hospital if they had serious problems. The mobile health clinic can catch problems before they get serious.

Mobile health clinics also bring care to people who don't live near medical services. For example, in Kenya, the clinics, hospitals, and doctors' offices are in large cities. So the mobile health clinics take the doctors and nurses to communities that are not near the large cities.

One program in Peru has mobile health clinics that include dental care. The program brings dentists to small communities with no dentists and educates people on how to take care of their teeth. Then they can keep their teeth healthy after the clinic leaves the area.

- 2 Read the text again. Then answer the questions.

1. What are three things doctors do in mobile health clinics? help people who are sick, test people for medical problems, and give patients information
2. How much does it cost to go to a mobile health clinic in Boston? _____
3. How many families go to the St. Joseph Mobile Clinic every year? _____
4. Why don't some people in Kenya go to doctors' offices or hospitals? _____
5. What is one kind of medical service provided by mobile clinics in Peru? _____