

USE OF ENGLISH open cloze

- 1 Read this article about being a 'Freegan'. Think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).



A MATTER OF CHOICE

They don't need to do this, but (0) for environmental and ethical reasons they choose to. They are Freegans, part of a movement (1) _____ members live off other people's rubbish. Tristram Stuart is one such member, also a Freecycler and author. He says, 'I can perfectly well afford to buy food,' and his aim isn't to save money but to (2) _____ a political point.

Researchers estimate that a quarter of all food waste that goes (3) _____ landfills is still edible. And the waste, according (4) _____ the Freegans, isn't limited only to food. They also recover things that have been thrown (5) _____ by retailers, offices, schools, homes and hotels, such (6) _____ electronics, kitchen appliances, carpets and musical instruments. The list is endless.

But before you start looking (7) _____ the bins behind your local supermarket, be careful! Freecycling isn't (8) _____ anyone with a weak stomach and it is often illegal.

4 8.2 Listen to the radio interview again. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Why is Connie on the radio programme?
A in order to inform listeners about the Freecycling movement
B because Geoff wanted to interview her
C to find out more about recycling
- 2 The Freecycle Network was originally set up
A by Connie to help her local town.
B as an alternative to recycling.
C to help protect a local area from waste.
- 3 The government
A hasn't been involved with Freecycling.
B tried to stop Freecycling.
C wanted to make money from Freecycling.
- 4 The emphasis is on
A using everyday items again.
B using reusable parts of household items.
C selling everyday items you don't need anymore.
- 5 Total membership of the organisation
A is only in the USA and Germany.
B numbers nearly 3 million.
C numbers over 3,000.
- 6 If you can't find a Freecycler near you, Connie advises you to
A join a local group.
B set up your own community.
C visit the website.
- 7 Items for Freecycling must not
A be for children.
B be against the law.
C have cost you anything to buy.