

## ACTIVITY 1

**Put the sentences below in order to make an introductory paragraph**

- a) This essay will explain that a major contributor to the problem of food waste are supermarkets.
- b) Food waste is a term that means discarding edible food, either by companies or consumers (Lipinski et al. 2013).
- c) One environmental issue that many people are unaware of is food waste.
- d) Food waste results in approximately 3.3 billion tonnes of greenhouse gases being emitted every year (Lipinski et al. 2013).
- e) Therefore, governments need to introduce laws to limit this waste.

## ACTIVITY 2

**Choose words and phrases to complete the body paragraphs.**

Supermarkets play a significant role in the problem of food waste. \_\_\_\_\_ their main focus is on profit. \_\_\_\_\_, supermarkets encourage farmers to grow too much to ensure their supply will never run out (Knox 2014), and \_\_\_\_\_ they reject produce that has an imperfect shape (Lipinski et al. 2013). \_\_\_\_\_ to Knox (2014), \_\_\_\_\_ they have an oversupply of food, supermarkets prefer to throw away food rather than reduce the price. \_\_\_\_\_, promotions such as 'buy one get one free' encourage consumers to buy too much (Knox 2014). \_\_\_\_\_ way that supermarkets contribute to the problem of waste is through confusing labelling. \_\_\_\_\_, a 'best before' date does not actually mean that food is unsafe to eat (Knox 2014), \_\_\_\_\_ people throw food away as soon as it reaches this date (Lipinski et al. 2013).

## ACTIVITY 3 – DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP

**Correct the citation errors**

To reduce the amount of food wasted by supermarkets, legislation should be introduced. Food labelling laws in the UK provide a good example of this. Knox (2014) says that food labelling has been simplified by removing 'sell by' dates. Another example of government legislation can be seen in France where governments have banned supermarkets from throwing edible food away, instead forcing them to donate it to charity (Knox). Similarly, the Italian government uses tax incentives to encourage supermarkets and businesses to donate food (Knox, 2014). Food donation charities, such as Ozharvest (Varga, 2013), also exist in Australia so the Australian government could easily follow the examples set by France and Italy.

#### ACTIVITY 4

**Put the sentences below in order to make a concluding paragraph**

- a) This should be one relatively easy way to reduce carbon emissions. If the government takes the lead, business and individuals will surely follow.
- b) In conclusion, food waste is a serious issue that must be addressed.
- c) They also encourage shoppers to buy more than they need.
- d) Current supermarket practices result in oversupply and subsequent waste.
- e) However, government legislation can begin to address these issues as is the case in Europe with better food labelling and mandatory food donations.

#### ACTIVITY 5 – DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP

**Correct the errors in the reference list below**

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