

Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.



Sixty years ago, before the start of the "throw-away" consumer societies of today's world, people did not throw away so many things. They used and reused bottles, jars, cardboard boxes, paper bags, etc. much more carefully than we do today.

Now, more than fifty years later, we are returning to the same good idea – we call it "recycling".

We are again thinking about what we throw out. Why do we throw away so much food packaging, so many plastic supermarket bags, old newspapers and phone books, drinks bottles and cans? What is all this rubbish doing to our environment, to the world we live in? Can't we use some of it again?

Answer: yes, we can. New industries – recycling industries — are starting to reuse some of our rubbish. For example, the island of Taiwan now buys tons of waste paper from the USA and recycles it to make newspapers, and for use in offices and homes. Japan takes scrap metal

from the USA and makes some parts of new cars with it. Most European and American cities now have "recycling centres" for people's old bottles and newspapers.

All this recycling is not only good for the environment but it is good business, too. A recycled aluminium can is twenty per cent cheaper to make than a new can, for instance. For both the recycling and the economy, recycling makes very good sense.

1. Why is recycling so important?

- A Because it makes us richer.
- B Because it makes us happier.
- C Because it improves the environment.
- D Because it is a modern trend.

2. Is recycling a new idea?

- A Yes, it was adopted by "throw-away" societies.
- B No, it was known long ago.
- C Some people knew about it.
- D Scientists have discovered it.

3. What questions do we ask ourselves?

- A Why do we throw away?
- B What should we throw away?
- C When should we throw away?
- D How should we throw away?

4. What is recycled in Taiwan?

- A Metal scrap.
- B Waste paper.
- C Glass bottles.
- D Old clothes.

5. What title is the most appropriate for the text?

- A Recycling is good for business.
- B Recycle more - save more.
- C Recycling will save our environment.
- D New industries will help us to recycle.