

The environment

unit 8

A Going green

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

A	e-	global	hybrid	nuclear	organic	plastic	recycling	solar	wind
B	bags	bin	car	energy	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

2 Buy and drive a _____. 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 _____.

4 Cook and eat _____. It is safer
for the environment.

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

6 Put a large _____ 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 _____.

8 Use _____ to dry your clothes. Put
your towels, blouses, shirts, pants, and even jeans on a
clothesline to dry outside.

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

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

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

- 1 The world would be a better place with less e-waste.
- 2 People should use _____ plastic bags.
- 3 There should be _____ pollution in big cities.
- 4 There are _____ wind farms in the United States than in Europe.
- 5 Many people are trying to use _____ energy in their homes.
- 6 I'm sure you'll use _____ 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 ¹ buildings in this city that are bad for the environment.

Most buildings use _____² 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 _____³ plastic bags in

landfills around the world, and every little bit helps! I also think there are _____⁴ landfills in this city, so I'm glad the shopping mall plans to

have a recycling center, too. People throw away _____⁵ garbage, and I hope this will help more people recycle.

I hope you write more articles about green spaces in our city.

Sincerely,

Dennis Armstrong

Environmental Science 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 or DVDs	175	170	5

Thanks!
Mi-yon Kam, Green Artist

- 1 Mi-yon doesn't have enough plastic bottles.
- 2 She has too
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

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? _____
- 2 Do you have recycling bins in your home? _____
- 3 Does your town have enough recycling centers? _____
- 4 Do you use things in your home to save energy? _____
- 5 How much pollution is in your town? _____
- 6 How could you make less garbage in your home? _____