A surprising new afterlife for chewing gum

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Watch the video and answer the following questions :

(The questions follow the order of the video).

1) What are the solutions to deal with the problem of gum litter: select the solutions mentioned in the video in the right column:

Before gums are discarded :	After gums are discarded:
• Turning them into art	• Turning them into art
• Not doing anything	• Not doing anything
• Cleaning them off the streets/pavements/ground	• Cleaning them off the streets/pavements/ground
• Trying to convince people to swallow their gum	• Trying to convince people to swallow their gum
• Trying to convince people to stop chewing gum	• Trying to convince people to stop chewing gum
• Stepping on them	• Stepping on them
• Trying to convince people to dispose of gum in a dedicated gum bin	• Trying to convince people to dispose of gum in a dedicated gum bin
• Trying to convince people not to litter/drop them to the ground by offering them some paper to wrap them into.	• Trying to convince people not to litter/drop them to the ground by offering them some paper to wrap them into.

2) Fill in the blank with one word (not used in the video)

The problem with cleaning gum off the pavement is that it's very ..... for the cities.

3) Focus on the main topic of the video : the bin. Fill in the blanks to answer.

a) What is the name of this bin? (Look for clues in the first question!) :.....

b) What makes this bin so easy to see? .....

c) What are you supposed to put in it? .....

d) What is it made of? .....

e) This is possible because gum is actually synthetic ..... / a ..... polymer.

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4) How does it work? Place the different steps in the right order by numbering the different steps below.

☐ The collected gum is mixed with other plastics

☐ Chewed gums are collected in the gum bin

☐ The plastic is transformed into other things

☐ The plastic is squirted into molds

☐ The collected gum is taken to a factory where they recycle plastic

5) What can the discarded/collected gum be transformed into ? Use what you hear to select the right answer for each line.

a) gum beans / gum bins / gum pins / guns

b) coffee cuts / coffee caps / tough cops / coffee cups

c) bats / boats / boots / buts

d) shoes for fun / sold shoes / soles for choose / soles for shoes / soles for chew

6) What is the goal of this invention? Quote the video to answer.

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7) What is going to happen in the future in London? Quote the video to answer.

There will be …… pink gum bins in the streets.

RECAP ON THE NEW VOCAB: Select the right answer each time.

Jeter par terre (dans la rue) = litter / discard / dispose of / drop to the ground

Jeter à la poubelle = litter / discard / dispose of / drop to the ground

Plastique recyclé = recycling plastic / recycled plastic / recycle plastic

Une usine de recyclage = a recycled plant / a recycle plant / a recycling plant

Réutilisable = reuse / reusable / reused

Le caoutchouc = robber / rubber / rocker / roller

Do you think it's a good idea? Why? Answer in a few sentences.

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