



Write in BLOCK CAPITALS without spaces between the words!!!  
(ПЕЧАТНЫМИ ЗАГЛАВНЫМИ БУКВАМИ, ТОЛЬКО ПОЛНЫЕ ФОРМЫ!!!  
без пробелов и знаков препинания!)

Complete the gaps (1 - 13) with the correct form of the word in brackets.

### The Wrap on Packaging.

Products in supermarkets these days are so **1** \_\_\_\_\_ (**beautiful**) presented: bread is wrapped in a plastic bag, biscuits in cardboard boxes, apples on plastic trays. Have you ever bought a product simply because you liked the way it looked? Ask yourself what is more important - the contents or the **2** \_\_\_\_\_ (**wrap**)!

Yes, we do need packaging. It preserves goods, protects them against damage and makes them **3** \_\_\_\_\_ (**present**) to consumers. But there is a high price to pay. Did you know that anything between 10 - 50 % of the price of food today is down to its packaging? Or that packaging makes up 32% of the total weight of solid waste? This is bad news as most packaging is not **4** \_\_\_\_\_ (**recycle**), but dumped in landfills or burnt. This results in more **5** \_\_\_\_\_ (**pollute**), in addition to the pollution caused by the manufacture and **6** \_\_\_\_\_ (**transport**) of packaging in the first place!

**7** \_\_\_\_\_ (**thankful**), supermarkets are now working to cut back. As packages become smaller and lighter, less energy is needed to transport them. Lighter packaging means less waste. However, there is still a long way to go!

So, what's all this got to do with you, the consumer? Well, don't buy **8** \_\_\_\_\_ (**produce**) simply because of the way they look! Instead...

Choose products that use minimal packaging or 'green' packaging that is **9** \_\_\_\_\_ (**reuse**) e.g. glass jars for storing things in, recyclable (look for the recycling symbol!) or biodegradable.

Avoid individually wrapped foods. Buy in bulk, not in small **10** \_\_\_\_\_ (**pack**)!

Choose products that come in concentrated form, such as **11** \_\_\_\_\_ (**wash**) powders and fabric softeners, or those that do more than one thing, like shampoo and **12** \_\_\_\_\_ (**condition**) in one.

Take doth bags to the supermarket instead of asking for more plastic bags, which take around 400 years to break down!

When large products are delivered to your home, ask **13** \_\_\_\_\_ (**manufacture**) to take back the packaging (bubble wrap, boxes, etc.) so they can reuse it,

