WE NEED A SOLUTION

Choose the best translation for the words.

recycle

solution

separate

temperature rise

carbon dioxide

waste

burn (burnt)

Complete the sentences with the following words:

recycle solution separating temperature rise

waste burnt carbon dioxide

_____our rubbish is not that difficult and only takes a few minutes of our time.

I can _____ paper, plastic and glass bottles, cans and batteries.

Harmful gases in the atmosphere cause the global_____.

Production increases _____ in the atmosphere.

Some cities choose to limit what they can recycle and send general waste to be_____.

Choosing not to recycle increases the amount of _____.

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1. Read the article and say in 2—3 sentences what it is about.

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Many of us still don't think that we need to recycle or should be bothered about it. But speaking honestly, separating our rubbish is not that difficult and only takes a few minutes of our time.

What we can recycle varies in different places. In Reading, my home town in the UK, I can recycle paper, plastic and glass bottles, cans and batteries. When I moved to university in Chester I discovered that there I could also recycle clothes, shoes, electrical items, mobile phones, plastic and pots. I also had a special bin for food waste such as meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, and tea bags.

Sometimes it is hard to understand why recycling helps the earth. The main principal is that recycling saves the energy that is required to make products again. Production along with other polluting factors such as transport is increasing the levels of harmful gases in the atmosphere. And this is causing the global temperature rise. As a result, weather has changed in some areas and farmers have serious problems in agriculture.

Choosing not to recycle increases the amount of waste. Many items, such as glass, never decompose and will stay there forever polluting the earth. Packaging is also bad for the environment. In some places people use reusable bags to save money and resources. Producing items made from wood and paper causes deforestation, destroys the habitat of animals and makes them endangered. It also increases carbon dioxide* in the atmosphere. Recycling paper can help prevent this.

There are also negative aspects of recycling. For example, melting old plastic down when we make new items can use a lot of energy. For this reason some cities choose to limit what they can recycle and send general waste to be burnt. On the one hand this is a method of producing energy, but on the other hand it causes further pollution. Despite this, as long as we continue to produce more waste, environmental degradation will cause more problems and we will have less resources, so we need a solution.

2. The author considers that many things can be recycled. Find this extract and read it aloud.
3. How does recycling help to save resources?
4. What are the negative effects of recycling?

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