

Reading

You are going to read an article about the environment. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-G the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

- A We often forget that there is lots of beautiful countryside closer to home.
- B The gases they produce affect the atmosphere just as much as cars do.
- C We can also save money by using cars less.
- D One idea is for two people to travel to work together.
- E These days, we tend to travel to large supermarkets to shop.
- F It can often seem too big to deal with.
- G We drive somewhere when we could easily walk.

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

More and more people are becoming worried about the environment. But what can ordinary people do about problems like pollution?

(1) However, there are a few simple things that all of us can do to help the environment. Each one may seem like a small step, but added together they can make a real difference to the world around us.

One of the big areas where we can change things is transport. Many of us use our cars much more than we need to. (2) Then we complain that we don't get enough exercise! Simply leaving the car behind when you need to go to the shops for a few things can cut air pollution.

It's also common to see people going to work in their cars on their own. Each car produces the same pollution whether there's one or more people in it. (3) That way, one person leaves their car at home each day. Fewer cars on the roads would mean less fumes, and that's good for all of us.

We also create pollution when we travel long distances. Many of us take our cars on holiday.

(4) If we explore our local area instead of travelling a long way to lie on a beach, we produce less pollution – and we save money! It's something to think about the next time you're planning your summer holiday.

Another means of transport connected to holidays is flying. Did you know that planes create a large amount of pollution? (5) Before you go on a trip by air, ask yourself whether it's really necessary. Sometimes, it's possible to go by train instead, which is a much cleaner means of transport.

Where we go shopping also affects pollution. In the past, there were lots of small, local shops. (6) Whether we drive or go by bus, it adds to pollution. Buy things from places closer to home when you can. Support your local shops and perhaps new ones will open, meaning that there will be even less need to travel to shop. It will also improve your local area.