

11.02 Complete with the following words.

landfill	rubbish	polluting	disposal
recycled	dumping	non-disposable	reuse

Waste (1) _____ nowadays has become a global problem. The old way of (2) _____ rubbish in a hole or down a cliff obviously doesn't work any more – the planet has run out of places where we can put our rubbish! The other problem, of course, is that the quality of waste has changed as well. In the past, most (3) _____ degraded within months if not days, or it decomposed or was eaten by wild animals. Now, however, most waste takes years or centuries to degrade, meanwhile (4) _____ the ground, the underground water and the atmosphere. So (5) _____ sites are full and cannot receive any more waste. What do we do now? The good news is that there is a solution! New techniques have been developed which allow waste not only to be (6) _____, but also create electricity or other forms of energy from it. Materials Recovery Facilities treat waste to make clothes and furniture. We should also change our habits. Choose to buy (7) _____ items or unpackaged goods, recycle and (8) _____ as much as possible.

11.04 Complete the sentences using two of the words or phrases in each group.

factories	urban	farmland
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When I see that (1) _____ are built on (2) _____ I get so furious! I think it's a terrible shame!

rainforest	paper	glass
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Did you know that every day huge areas of (3) _____ are cut down? The tragedy is that many unknown species of plants and animals become extinct forever, and the trees are used to make (4) _____!

bin	bottle bank	container
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Don't put the bottles in the (5) _____! You're supposed to recycle them. Put them in the (6) _____.

environment	green	fumes
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Exhaust (7) _____ from cars pollute the atmosphere in cities, but you'll be surprised to learn that a lot more pollution is caused by intensive farming! If mankind cut down on meat, the (8) _____ would be a lot cleaner and global warming wouldn't be such a threat to our planet!