

PLASTIC WASTE

Read the text and write the word that fits best. Look at the example.

Every year people throw (0) away millions of tons of plastic bottles, boxes and wrappings. These create huge mountains of waste that are extremely hard to get (1) _____ of. Now a new recycling process promises to reduce this problem by turning old plastic (2) _____ new.

Scientists have taken (3) _____ long time to develop their ideas because waste plastic has always been a bigger problem (4) _____ substances like waste paper. You can bury plastic, but it takes many years to break down. If you burn it, it just becomes another form of pollution. A (5) _____ products, for example bottles, can be re-used, but it is expensive or difficult to do this (6) _____ plastic products.

Now a group of companies has developed a new method (7) _____ recycling that could save almost (8) _____ plastic waste. Nearly every type of waste plastic can be used; it does (9) _____ have to be sorted. In addition, labels and ink may be left (10) _____ the products. Everything is simply mixed together (11) _____ heated to a more than 400 degrees centigrade (12) _____ that it melts. It is then cooled producing a waxy substance that can be used to make new plastic products, including computer hardware.

