

Exercise 4

Choose the correct sequencing words to complete the model answer.



The diagram illustrates the process of recycling plastic bottles. This is a circular process which begins and ends with a plastic product. In the diagram, we can see how the bottles go through stages of being collected, cleaned, reshaped and before/ultimately reformed into a new plastic product.

In the beginning/Immediately, empty used plastic bottles are collected and placed in a recycling bin. These bottles are directly/then classified by their colour and put into different boxes before/immediately going further into the process. As soon as/Instantly they are sorted, the bottles are compressed together by a crushing machine into a bundle. After/Following on from this, the crushed bottles are fed into a machine where they are sliced up into individual plastic pieces. The chopped-up plastic is in turn/right after rinsed with water. The clean plastic is scooped up by a worker, who filters the water using a special tool following this/prior to putting the plastic into a heating machine. A heating process boils the plastic pieces into pellets. Afterwards/Following on, these pellets are put into another machine where a

screw mashes them into a mould for new bottles. A new bottle is at last/then ready for use in the packaging of liquids such as soft drinks, cosmetics and detergents.