

1) 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.

2) Complete the sentences with the correct verb to form phrasal verbs with "out".

- 1 When they _____ out a cheap electric bike, I'll definitely buy one.
- 2 Why did you _____ out with your sister? What did she do to you?
- 3 Greenpeace volunteers were _____ out leaflets today to inform the public about the ice melting in the Arctic.
- 4 My grandmother has to wear glasses to read; otherwise she can't _____ out small print.
- 5 Hey! _____ out before you cross the street!
- 6 A lion _____ out of the zoo yesterday, but they found it eating cat food in a neighbour's garden!
- 7 I thought he was my friend, but he _____ out to be a horrible liar!
- 8 Helen's husband is a firefighter and he has to _____ out fires almost every day.

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

factories urban farmland

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

rainforest paper glass

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

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

environment green fumes

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!

4) Change the following sentences into the passive. One sentence cannot be changed. In that case write "No change".

- 1 They are putting out the fire.

- 2 Volunteers will clean the area.

- 3 Someone stole my car last night.

- 4 Polar bears will disappear if the ice melts.

5 They don't make plastic water bottles from recycled plastic.

6 Researchers have discovered a new method to produce fuel from waste.

7 The technician is going to install a new type of solar panel on our roof.

8 The doctor's handwriting was so bad that the pharmacist couldn't read it.

5) Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form of the causative.

1 Harry _____ (install / container) which collects rainwater off the roof of the house.

2 The farmer _____ (check / cows) by the vet last week.

3 Wendy _____ (move / solar-powered water heater) to a different part of the roof next Monday.

4 William wants to _____ (change / all the window frames) so they're more environmentally friendly.

5 Robert always _____ (service / his car) before he sets off on a journey.

6 The town council are thinking of _____ (turn / the old town garage) into a playground.

7 When _____ (the local council / install / more recycling bins) in our area?

8 Factories will need to _____ (put / filters) on their chimneys to stop polluting the atmosphere.

6) Rewrite the sentences using the word given.

1 We asked an expert to install a satellite dish for our TV.

HAD

We _____ for our TV.

2 The factory produces more than a thousand plastic bottles an hour.

ARE

More than a thousand plastic bottles an hour _____ the factory.

3 They have already cut down thousands of ancient trees to make room for farmland.

BEEN

Thousands of ancient trees _____ to make room for farmland.

4 A team of experts are designing a facility to treat waste.

BEING

A facility to treat waste _____ a team of experts.

5 The example of Greenpeace volunteers may encourage young people to protect the environment.

BE

Young people _____ the environment by the example of Greenpeace volunteers.

6 We might ask a professional chef to cook the party food.

HAVE

We might _____ a professional chef.

7 I don't take my dog to a specialist for her bath any more.

WASHED

I _____ by a specialist any more.

8 You should give your old, unwanted clothes to charity.

SHOULD

Old, unwanted clothes _____ to charity.