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### English Lesson: Writing. An environmental problem.

#### 1. Read the text.



**Clean our mountain!**

Dear Sir / Madam

1 I'm writing because I went hiking with some friends last weekend and the amount of rubbish which we found on the mountain was unbelievable. This photo shows the bottles, cans and other rubbish which we found.

2 I think there are possibly two reasons for this. Firstly, people aren't responsible enough and they throw their rubbish away anywhere. Perhaps we need a few signs and people who patrol the area. Also, there aren't enough bins on or near the hiking trails, so I think we need more. Secondly, nobody cleans the mountain. I think this is terrible in a tourist area. We need people to clean the mountain and empty the bins every day.

3 We must definitely do something about this situation. Maybe there isn't much rubbish in other places. I don't know, but we must do something here if we want a cleaner, more attractive mountain.

Yours faithfully  
Nurlan Tengizbayev



#### 2. Choose the correct answers.

##### 1 Why did the author write this email?

- a) To ask for explanation.
- b) To complain.
- c) To offer help.

##### 2 Who did he write the email to?

- a) a friend
- b) a local newspaper
- c) a tourist

##### 3 Which words in the text express certainty?

- a) perhaps
- b) definitely
- c) possibly

##### 4 Which paragraph gives causes and solutions?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3

#### 3. Match 1-5 with a-e. Use *so* or *because*. Example:

1 b I went to the shops...

because a bicycles are better.

1	I went to the shops...
2	Cars pollute the environment, ...
3	There isn't much water, ...
4	I can't buy a present...
5	I threw away the letter...

	a bicycles are better.
	b I didn't want to read it.
	c I haven't got any money.
	d we needed some shampoo.
	e please don't drink too much.

#### 4. Choose the correct words.

The beach is dirty *so* / *because* everybody leaves rubbish on it.

- 1 It's bad to bury plastic \_\_\_\_\_ it doesn't decompose.
- 2 He was unhappy about the problem, \_\_\_\_\_ he wrote a letter to the council.
- 3 I've got shopping bag, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't need to use plastic bags.
- 4 We're worried about plastic bags \_\_\_\_\_ they're bad for the environment.
- 5 I feel cheerful today \_\_\_\_\_ it's my birthday.
- 6 They were very hungry, \_\_\_\_\_ they ate a packet of biscuits.

**5. Match sentence halves 1-6 with a-f.**

**1** Marc was very hungry,

**2** Tim was feeling ill

**3** Laura broke her leg,

**4** My mum came home late

**5** They were very tired

**6** They wanted to catch the first train,

**a** so they got up early.

**b** so she went to hospital.

**c** because he ate too much chocolate.

**d** so he ate three packets of crisps.

**e** because she spent an hour at the doctor's.

**f** because they always went to bed late.