

THE GREEN ISSUE

Before reading - Translate the words in bold before you start reading the text.

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|----------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| bother | _____ | facing | _____ |
| hoping | _____ | climate change | _____ |
| tips | _____ | low-energy | _____ |
| light-bulbs | _____ | save | _____ |
| less | _____ | remember | _____ |
| air-dry | _____ | instead of | _____ |
| drying machine | _____ | turn off the tap | _____ |
| recycling bins | _____ | carbon dioxide | _____ |
| footprint | _____ | goods | _____ |
| wrapping | _____ | fair-trade | _____ |
| fair | _____ | developing countries | _____ |
| waste | _____ | share | _____ |
| assume | _____ | consistently | _____ |
| climate change | _____ | pollution | _____ |

Why Bother?

Why **bother**? That really is the big question facing every person **hoping** to do something about **climate change**, and it's not an easy one to answer. The big thing about why bother is that we can do something about it. With very small actions, we can help change a big problem. Here are just a few **tips**.

At home:

If we change our light-bulbs to **low-energy light bulbs**, we will **save** a lot of energy and we will produce a lot **less pollution**. Remember also to turn off the lights when you leave a room.

If we **air-dry** our clothes **instead of** drying them in the **drying machine**, we will save a lot of energy too.

If we **turn off the tap** when we brush our teeth, we will save a lot of water.

If we use **recycling bins**, we will reduce pollution.

When we shop:

If we buy from companies that reduce **carbon dioxide** more companies will reduce carbon dioxide - there are public lists of companies that reduce their carbon dioxide **footprint**.

Less energy will be spent on transporting **goods** if we buy local products.

If we buy products with little or no **wrapping**, companies will use less wrapping and they will pollute a lot less.

If we buy **fair-trade** products, more companies will go **fair** to producers in **developing countries**.

When we go to places:

If we cycle and walk instead of driving, we will reduce pollution. We will **waste** less oil if we **share** our car.

Our town will be less polluted if we take the bus or the train instead of our car.

These are simple actions we can all **assume**, and they can make a big difference in the world. If a big number of people **consistently** try to reduce pollution and waste, we will slow and stop carbon dioxide footprint and **climate change**.

1. Read the text and decide True or False for the following sentences:

- We cannot do anything to stop climate change. .
- All actions against climate change are very complicated.
- Companies can reduce the pollution they produce.
- All light-bulbs consume the same energy.
- Consumers can influence companies by making decisions when shopping.
- Cars pollute more than trains and bikes.

2. Read the sentences and complete the rules with the right answer by choosing the correct alternative:

If we cycle instead of driving, we will reduce pollution.

We will reduce pollution if we cycle instead of driving.

If we share our car, we will waste less oil.

We will waste less oil, if we share our car.

Rules:

- A conditional sentence is formed by two/three clauses (parts).
- We can/can't write the sentence in a different order and with the same meaning

- "If" and "will" are/aren't in the same clause
- All/Not all conditional sentences contain the word "If".

3 Write the structure of a first conditional sentence:

or
