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UNIT 4: Green issues

Listening and reading

I. Listen (33) and say if the sentences are **T** or F.

a. Pollution occurs when the environment can't get rid of something that was introduced into it.
True / False

b. There are only two types of pollution, air and water pollution.
True /False

c. Air pollution can cause diseases.
True / False

d. Industries are the only ones to contribute to water pollution.
True / False

II. Say if the following pollutants correspond to **A** (air pollution) or **W** (water pollution)

a. Plastic: A / W

b. Smog: A / W

c. Aerosol Spray: A / W

d. Fossil fuels: A / W

e. Fertilizers: A / W

Teens Volunteering

A recent survey showed that today more teens are volunteering in comparison to earlier generations. Many teens are spending more time helping out while getting experience at the same time.

There are many different ways to volunteer and a variety of jobs to do. Teenagers can decide what they want to do, how they want to do it, and where they can help out the most. What is more, these teens work for free and do not expect any reward.

In the US, a survey of over 22,000 students discovered that 30% of teens now volunteer for over 80 hours a year. It reported that 22% of students visit sick kids in hospitals and 54% belong to an organization that requires volunteer work. Furthermore, 22% say they might continue to volunteer throughout their life. 32% of volunteers like the new experiences they have and 83% say they do not feel pressured into doing volunteer work.

Most teenagers think that volunteering is more enjoyable if you do it with friends. It is also better if you choose activities that interest you. If you love animals, you can work for an animal rescue foundation. If you like helping the elderly, you ought to volunteer at a senior citizen home. You may care about the environment. If so, you might want to help pick up trash in your area. You can help in any number of ways.Here is what teenagers said:

Source: Archivo editorial.

"I think everybody should volunteer. You make new friends and experience new situations. I met some of my best friends volunteering on weekends."
Amanda, 14

"Volunteering is interesting. It gives me the opportunity to learn new things. All my friends volunteer, and we always go together. It's a big responsibility, and I love it!"
Raul, 15

"I love volunteering. The children I work with are good fun, and they make me laugh! That's important! It gives me a good feeling."
James, 15

"I like helping others. It helps me appreciate the good things in life and behave more responsibly. I certainly don't have to do it; it's my choice! You shouldn't volunteer to do something if you don't like it."
Luisa, 15

III. Read the text and say if the sentences are T or F.

a. More teenagers volunteer now than in the past. True / False
b. Teens can gain experience doing volunteer work. True / False
c. Volunteering is more fun if you do it alone. True / False
d. You can work for an animal rescue foundation if you like animals. True / False
e. Volunteers like to help people. True / False

IV. Read the text again and mark under the name the sentences refer to.

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Who…	James	Amanda	Raul	Louisa
a. Thinks volunteers gain skills?				
b. Thinks volunteering has made them more responsible?				
c. Believes that more people should volunteer?				
d. Believes it is important for volunteers work to make you feel good?				