Lessons 9–10 **Recycling**

1 Match each word to its meaning or synonym below.

1	initiatives	a	something that can decompose
2	community	b	a place where all our rubbish is buried
3	converted	c	different to
4	landfill	d	creative plans
5	opposed to	e	decaying material used to nourish plants
6	packaged	f	society
7	resources	g	changed
8	biodegradable	h	not being harmful to the environment
9	sustainability	i	the natural wealth of a country
10	compost	j	sold already prepared in a container

2 Choose the best word to complete the sentences below.

1 Fruit and vegetables don't need to be _____ .
a packaged **b** compost

2 In my _____ there are many recycling bins.
a community **b** recycling

3 Businesses in my community have come up with several _____ to help reduce waste.
a costs **b** initiatives

4 Fruit and vegetables are _____ as opposed to computers which are not.
a biodegradable **b** sustainability

5 When natural waste biodegrades, it can be used as _____ in the garden.
a landfill **b** compost

6 The natural _____ of a country need to be protected for future generations.
a resources **b** community

7 Some rubbish can be turned into useful items e.g. plastic can be _____ into cheap building blocks.
a converted **b** reduced

8 A lot of household waste ends up in _____ .
a compost **b** landfill

1 Read the texts and answer the questions that follow.

A



Sharjah is a melting pot of people from different countries around the world, they speak many different languages and have different lifestyles. So, you can imagine the problems that were faced in teaching this diverse community how to separate rubbish and recycle. This was addressed by producing different types of media in different languages. This shows that with leaders who care about sustainability and reducing the impact of waste on the environment, anything can be achieved.

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1 What does 'diverse community' in section A refer to?
- a A large number of people
- b People from different backgrounds
- c People who don't know how to recycle

B



You know there are a lot of recycling initiatives in the UAE that we don't hear enough about, for example there is a golf course that recycles all their food waste. The waste is converted into compost which is then used in the green areas and gives nourishment to plants and grass which helps them grow. This saves money on compost and more importantly it means there is less rubbish sent to the landfill and the cost of removing rubbish is reduced. Sustainability doesn't have to mean excessive costs. Businesses that are environmentally friendly can be profitable.

2 From section B, what can be summarised about recycling activities in the UAE?
- a There are few recycling activities
- b The cost of recycling is very high
- c We need to hear more about recycling activities

C



I spent the summer in the UK, and it took me a while to get used to not getting a plastic bag each time I went to the shop. When I asked for a plastic bag, I was charged 5p. I soon stopped that and bought myself a reusable bag. When I got back to the UAE it struck me that, as opposed to the UK, we were using too many plastic bags. The UK introduced the charge for a plastic bag this year, so I think the UAE can lead the way in the Middle East. People will not be happy at first, but just as in the UK, they'll soon get used to it.

3 From section C, why did the girl buy a reusable bag?
- a Because she was concerned about the environment
- b She didn't want to keep paying 5p
- c The plastic bags were of poor quality

D



We are creating more and more waste and this problem is going to be compounded as the population grows. People use a lot of packaged products and materials that are not biodegradable. The effect on the environment is going to be enormous – there will not be any space to put waste material and natural resources will be exhausted. As a consequence, natural habitats will be further destroyed because we are not recycling enough.

4 From section D, what is going to make the amount of waste we produce worse?
- a The growing population
- b Destruction of habitats
- c Exhausting natural resources

5 Which text compares two places?

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