

The WIN Team

4. This text is about

Choose TWO answers.

- a. teens around the world
- b. teens helping our environment
- c. teens saving animals
- d. teens helping people

5. The WIN team ... old computers.

- a. throws away
- b. buys
- c. fixes
- d. uses



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What's the problem?

What do people do with old computers and cellphones? They throw them away. In one year, people in the United States throw away over two million tons of old computers. This is very bad for our environment.

Who's the WIN team?

Alex Lin of Rhode Island in the U.S. read about the problem. He was only 10 years old, but he decided to do something to help. With a group of friends, he started to collect old and broken⁴ computers. They called their group the WIN team. In a room in Alex's home, these volunteers fixed 300 computers over the years. They give them to schools and students that need them.

What do they do?

Alex had a dream. He wanted students in poor countries to have computers too. After the tsunami in 2004, many schools in Sri Lanka were destroyed⁵. Alex decided to help these schools by sending them computers.

Alex started WIN teams in many countries around the world. Today, students in Mexico, Cameroon, Kenya and Sri Lanka are using computers from these WIN teams. People say that Alex is like a "green" Superman. He is helping to clean up our world.

⁴broken מקולקלים / عاملة

⁵were destroyed נהרסו / دُمِّرَت