Interactive practice * Academic English * 11th graders

Task 1. Reading

Read the following text related to sustainable development. Solve the tasks presented.

Protecting animals is essential for a healthy planet. Many species are in danger because of human activities like pollution, deforestation, and hunting. However, we can take simple actions to help them and protect nature. One way to protect animals is by reducing waste. Plastic pollution harms many sea creatures, such as turtles and fish. We can use reusable bags, bottles, and containers to reduce plastic waste.

Another important action is planting trees. Trees provide shelter and food for many animals. By planting trees in our communities, we can create a better environment for birds, insects, and other species. Avoiding products made from endangered animals is also important. Some items, like bags or jewelry, are made from animal skin, bones, or shells. Choosing ethical products helps stop illegal hunting. Supporting animal protection organizations is another way to help. Many groups rescue injured animals and fight against animal cruelty. Donating or volunteering can make a big difference. Finally, learning about animals and their habitats helps us understand their needs. By educating others, we can inspire more people to act. By making small changes, we can protect animals and ensure a sustainable future for all living beings.

1. What is one cause of animal endangerment?
   a) Taking care of pets
   b) Pollution and deforestation
   c) Playing in nature
2. How can people reduce plastic waste?
   a) By using reusable bags and bottles
   b) By throwing plastic into the ocean
   c) By buying more plastic products
3. Why is planting trees important for animals?
   a) It gives them food and shelter
   b) It makes cities look better
   c) It keeps the air warm
4. What should people avoid buying to protect animals?
   a) Products made from animal skin or bones
   b) Books about animals
   c) Recycled paper
5. How can supporting animal organizations help?
   a) By rescuing injured animals and stopping cruelty
   b) By making animals stay indoors
   c) By building more shopping centers

B. Here are five true/false statements based on the text:

1. Plastic pollution is not harmful to sea creatures like turtles and fish.
2. Buying jewelry made from animal bones helps protect endangered species.
3. Supporting animal protection organizations can help rescue injured animals.
4. Learning about animals and their habitats has no impact on their protection.

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Task 2. Reading

Read each case and choose the way people can reduce the carbon footprint.

1. Maria lives within walking distance of her school but often opts for convenience. Which of the following strategies would most effectively minimize her carbon footprint while considering long-term environmental impact?

a) Use public transportation even if it is unnecessary for short distances.

b) Walk or ride a bicycle, reducing emissions and promoting personal health.

c) Use a ride-sharing app to carpool with friends daily.

2. John frequently forgets to turn off his bedroom lights when leaving. What additional habit should he adopt beyond simply switching off lights to enhance energy efficiency at home?

a) Install motion-sensor lights that automatically turn off when a room is unoccupied.

b) Keep the lights on but use LED bulbs, assuming they are energy-efficient.

c) Replace all traditional light bulbs with incandescent ones for higher brightness.

3. Peter wants to stay hydrated at school while minimizing environmental waste. What is the most sustainable choice, considering long-term ecological impact?

a) Purchase bottled water but recycle the plastic afterward.

b) Carry a stainless steel or BPA-free reusable water bottle to refill throughout the day.

c) Use single-use plastic cups but make sure to dispose of them in recycling bins.

4. Emma is grocery shopping and wants to make environmentally responsible decisions. Which practice goes beyond reducing plastic waste and contributes to overall sustainability?

a) Bring reusable shopping bags and prioritize products with minimal or biodegradable packaging.

b) Accept plastic bags at checkout but repurpose them at home for trash disposal.

c) Purchase individually wrapped products to ensure hygiene and convenience.

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5. Liam's family is aiming to lower their household's carbon footprint significantly. Which of the following practices would have the most substantial long-term impact on reducing their overall energy consumption?

a) Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances and implement smart home technology for automated energy use.

b) Use energy-efficient light bulbs but keep other high-energy appliances running frequently.

c) Turn off lights when not in use while continuing to use conventional appliances.

Task 3. Complete the sentences. Identify if there is a comparative or superlative sentence. Apply the rules.

1. Using a bicycle is _____ (eco-friendly) driving a car.
2. Riding a bike is _____ (clean) way to travel short distances.
3. Water conservation is one of _____ (important) environmental habits for the future.
4. Using renewable energy is _____ (good) solution for reducing pollution.
5. Recycling plastic is _____ __ (important) throwing it away.
6. Solar energy is _____ (good) coal energy.
7. Planting trees is one of _____ (effective) ways to reduce carbon dioxide in the air.
8. Reducing waste is _____ (easy) action people can take to protect the environment.
9. Walking to school is _____ (healthy) taking a bus.
10. Buying local food is _____ (sustainable) importing food from other countries.

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Task 4. Observe the chart. Analyze the information. Write 3 sentences using comparatives and 3 superlatives.

Category	Costa Rica	United States
CO_2 Emissions	1.69 metric tons per person per year	14.21 metric tons per person per year
Waste Generation	–0.81 kg per person per day	2.22 kg per person per day
Endangered Species	Over 400 species at risk	listed as endangered or threatened
Water Usage	1,860 liters per day per person	310 liters per day per person

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