

## Reading part 2 – The environment

The young people below are all interested in protecting the environment.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight websites on the environment. Decide which website would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Ethan wants to know about environmental organisations around the world. He's interested in doing a project at home on energy production, and wants recommendations for other websites with up-to-date information on new research.

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Mario is interested in how the way he gets to work affects the environment, and wants ideas to reduce any negative effects. He'd like to meet local people v/ho share his interest in the environment.

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Sylvia is keen to know what she can do with items she doesn't need, rather than throw them away. She'd like the opportunity to ask environmental experts about their work.

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Declan wants to know where to find clothes produced without damaging the environment. He'd like to learn about recycling processes, and see how recycling is done internationally.

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Tasha wants to help her family save energy, and get a basic introduction to studying the environment for a college project. She'd also like to buy something created from recycled items.

## Websites on the environment

### **A futurenow.org**

Find answers here about how much energy is used around the planet. And if you're planning a journey, put in your route to compare the energy used by different types of transport, and choose the one that's best for the environment.

### **C cleanplanet.org**

Discover how waste plastic, glass and metal are turned into new products, and watch clips showing different methods used around the world, there's also a section about how much attention various fashion companies pay to their effect on the environment. Use it to keep up with new trends!

### **E eco.org**

Contact others who also care about environmental issue and find information about international groups; search for one to join in your area. You can also find out if your choice of transport damages the planet. If so, try the easy changes to your routine suggested here.

### **G worldaware.org**

Most people want to know what they can do to help protect our world. This site has everything you need to know about recycling: why it's important around the world, and how to get rid of items safely in your local area without harming the environment.

### **B ourworld.org**

This site lists the best places online to learn the latest results of scientific studies on issues affecting the environment. Or if you prefer working things out for yourself, there are experiments to do like making your own power using sunlight! You'll also find information on groups all over the planet working to protect the environment.

### **D globaleco.org**

This site explores the importance of energy in our daily lives, and also different ways of generating it without using oil or gas, for example by using wind power instead. There are links to UK companies that use these renewable energies, so you can find out more about what they do.

### **F planetmatters.org**

Learn about what top scientists involved in research to protect our planet do day to day, as well as about their latest discoveries. There's a message board so you can post questions to them - you'll always get a quick reply. There's also a recycling section - find different uses for things that you might otherwise put in the bin.

### **H oneworld.org**

There's lots of environmental information here, whether you're just starting to explore the subject, or wanting to find out about the latest research. Gifts are on sale, too, made from objects and materials that are often thrown out - treat yourself and help the planet! There's also a useful guide on using less electricity at home - reduce those bills!