

Recycling and our life style

PART 1: Speaking time!

1. What do you throw away?
2. What is your waste made of?
3. What waste materials do you recycle?
4. What are good materials to recycle?
5. Are you in favour of secondhand shopping? Explain your answer. Can you name any secondhand shops in Brno? What do they sell?
6. Does your family show any kind of environmentally friendly habits?
7. Do you often use disposable items? Try to be honest!
8. Can you explain what zero-waste lifestyle means? Could you do it?
9. What items could you live without? Which ones would you like to keep?

Now, pick two questions and answer them.

PART 2: Reading time!

Vocabulary revision: Fill in the gaps appropriate word.

donate - steam - recycle - collects - plastic - landfill - food -
incineration - containers - decompose - electricity - paper - glass -
waste - collection centre

In some countries one person can make about 5 kilograms of _____ in a day!
Most of it goes to a _____. Luckily, in Brno we have
_____ plant. Thus the waste doesn't stay around long. Moreover, the plant
also creates hot water, _____ and _____ in the process.

Also, the whole republic does its best to _____ our waste. We can find a
number of _____ in our streets for used glass and plastic bottles, paper and
clothes. Our school also _____ electronic equipment and used bulbs. In
many shops you can also find a box for used batteries. However, you still need to go to a

waste _____ if you need to throw away building material or aluminum. You can also _____ here things you don't need anymore and they will resell them to other people.

Nowadays, most waste materials _____ (break into small pieces) slowly. E.g. _____ materials take from two to six weeks, _____ materials take from one to six months and _____ materials take even up to 1000 years to decompose. _____ never decomposes.

Still, it would be best if we didn't create any waste in the first place.