

GAPPED TEXT: PRACTICE 10

(1) _____, namely, the primary footprint and the secondary footprint. We have direct control of the primary footprint, which is measure of the direct emissions of CO₂ from the burning of fossil fuels. This includes domestic energy consumption and transportation (e.g., Car and plane). The secondary footprint is a measure of indirect CO₂ emissions from the whole lifecycle of products we use. In essence, the more we buy the more emissions we cause.

There are few simple things that you can do to reduce carbon footprint. To help reduce primary carbon footprint, remember to turn off all electronic appliances when not in use. Fill your washing machine with a full load and hang out the washing to dry rather than tumble drying it. (2) _____. Fill the kettle with only as much water, as you need. Also, do your weekly shopping in a single trip.

Besides, you can help reduce secondary carbon footprint through your buying habits. (3) _____. You may even try growing your own. This reduces greenhouse gases caused by foot imports. Reduce your consumption of meat and if it is affordable, buy organic produce. Do not buy overpackaged products and recycle as much as possible.

Travelling less and travelling more carbon footprint friendly can also help to reduce carbon footprint. (4) _____. If travelling by car is inevitable, check out diesel engines the next time you replace your car. For short journeys, you can either walk or cycle. When you leave you hotel room, remember to turn off the lights and air-conditioning. Also, ask for clean room towels every other day, rather than daily.

Sometimes an initial investment not only reduces carbon footprint, but also saves on your energy bills. Investment in certain items such as energy-saving light bulbs should pay for themselves over time. You may also want to install thermostatic valves on your radiators and cavity wall installation. Insulating your hot water tank, your loft and your walls also alleviates carbon footprint. Also, consider replacing your old fridge/freezer if it is over 15 years old. (5) _____. Similarly, replace your old boiler with a new energy efficient condensing boiler to save energy.

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| A. | Buy fruits and vegetables that are in season locally |
| B. | A carbon footprint consists of two parts |
| C. | To save energy, go for one with energy efficiency rating of "A" |
| D. | This will save your water, electricity, and washing powder |
| E. | When travelling to work, it helps to carpool or use public transport |
| F. | It is an estimate of the amount of greenhouse gases created by the use of fossil fuels in factories |
| G. | Minimize purchases of new products, especially resource-intensive, heavy or heavily-packaged products. |