

**Part 2: Unit 7b page 108 A letter (to the editor) expressing an opinion**

**D. Read the writing task below and discuss the questions that follow in pairs or groups. Then complete the mind map.**

*You read this article in a local newspaper. Write a letter to the editor expressing your views on the issue.*



According to a survey that was carried out among the residents of our city last month, litter is the number one problem our city faces. It is a fact that streets are overflowing with rubbish and it is even impossible to enjoy our parks and beaches because of the problem. At a protest demonstration held outside the city hall yesterday, one angry protester asked our reporter, 'Whose responsibility is it to keep this city clean? Isn't it time the mayor did something about it?' That is a good question, but aren't we all responsible for keeping our cities clean?

**1. Why do you think there is so much litter around?**

overflowing    aren't enough    irresponsibly    pedestrians    responsible    dustmen

I think that we are all partly \_\_\_\_\_ for the problem of litter. Both drivers and \_\_\_\_\_ litter without even thinking about it. The fact that there \_\_\_\_\_ rubbish bins available obviously makes things worse. It leads to people acting \_\_\_\_\_ and makes them careless in how they get rid of their rubbish. The problem is made worse by the fact that there aren't enough \_\_\_\_\_ to collect it. As a result, streets, parks and beaches are \_\_\_\_\_ with rubbish.

**2. What kind of problems does it create?**

smell    health    ugly    difficult

The fact that our parks and beaches are overflowing with rubbish makes it \_\_\_\_\_ for us to enjoy them. These places, as well as the streets in some areas, \_\_\_\_\_ bad and are \_\_\_\_\_ to look at. Most importantly however, they are a threat to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the locals and animals that live there.

**3. What do you think can be done about it?**

recycling    awareness    reduce    solutions    energy    impose    increase

There are various \_\_\_\_\_ to this problem. Environmental \_\_\_\_\_ education can play a very important role by informing both children and adults about the importance of looking after the environment in which they live. In this way, more people may be encouraged to take part in \_\_\_\_\_ programmes, which help \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of rubbish we produce and help us save \_\_\_\_\_ and materials. Another way to discourage people from littering is to \_\_\_\_\_ strict fines. Besides this, we can \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of rubbish bins available. In this way, people will be less likely to litter.

**Complete the mind map.**

