# READING AND LISTENING PRACTICE
# UNITS 1-2

## LISTENING

**2** 05 **Listen to three dialogues about recycling and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).**

**Dialogue 1:**

1 The recycling club wants to
- **A** involve their neighbours in recycling events.
- **B** think of ideas for the school to promote recycling.
- **C** find volunteers to encourage students to join.

2 This term the club meets on
- **A** Mondays in the science room.
- **B** Thursdays in the science room.
- **C** Mondays in the library.

**Dialogue 2:**

3 Josh wants Miranda to
- **A** join the recycling campaign.
- **B** help him with his studies.
- **C** help other students.

4 Miranda
- **A** is not sure about being a student councillor.
- **B** doesn't have time to put her name forward as a student councillor.
- **C** hopes her friends will vote for her.

**Dialogue 3:**

5 Josh's grandmother ... when she was a teenager.
- **A** had a lot of old clothes
- **B** looked after her clothes carefully
- **C** made her own clothes

6 Josh's mum
- **A** uses recycled items to make clothes.
- **B** throws away useless objects.
- **C** sometimes wastes things.

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## READING

**3 You are going to read an article about ways to protect the environment. Seven sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences A-J the one which fits each gap. There are three extra sentences you do not need to use.**

**A** This has been tried in Dubai, but it seems that the artificial islands have damaged the ecosystem.

**B** If every country decided to implement a policy like this, then our land, cities, oceans and beaches could be much cleaner and less polluted.

**C** What people didn't realise was this would affect the levels of carbon dioxide in the air.

**D** In addition, production of this type of fuel also requires a lot of water, which may mean that local communities lose their water supply.

**E** Building eco-friendly houses and apartment blocks has made all the difference.

**F** We used to get bags for free whenever we bought something in a shop, so people didn't care about throwing them away.

**G** However, we should consider the possible consequences more carefully before putting them into practice.

**H** Many of them were in danger of extinction before the reserves were created.

**I** Although this may seem positive, in many areas tropical forests have been cut down to make way for these crops.

**J** Did you know these were invented to save the planet?

There have been many ideas for ways to care better for the environment, but not all of them have proved to be successful. Some have even damaged the environment in ways that their creators had not considered.

One scheme, floating cities, is something that many people still hope will solve the problem of overcrowding in our cities. [1] _____. A project in China has been a little more successful in producing pollution-free islands, but they are far too expensive to copy around the world.

Another idea to save the planet was to use biofuels instead of traditional fuels. They're made from natural oils from plants such as palm oil and are therefore a renewable form of energy. [2] _____. This has led to the loss of habitat for endangered species such as tigers or rhinos. An economic consequence of this type of farming is that a global food crisis has arisen as farmers prefer to use the land for producing biofuel and not food. [3] _____. Despite the drawbacks of palm oil, organisations such as the World Wildlife Fund are working to help create sustainable production of this crop that does have its advantages.

Then, there are plastic bags. [4] _____. At the time, people were worried about using paper bags and cutting down trees, so a Swedish inventor came up with the idea of a strong reusable plastic bag. Little did he think that people would get into the habit of throwing them away after one use. [5] _____. However, in the UK, since they started charging 5p for every plastic bag, the use of bags has been reduced by more than 80%, which is amazing. It's such a straightforward idea. [6] _____. At present approximately eight million tonnes of plastic, much of which is plastic bags, goes into the world's oceans every year and is swallowed by many sea creatures.

Despite the failures, it's still massively important to come up with new ideas that will protect the environment. [7] _____. The domino effect of what we think are positive actions can lead to disasters.

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