

PRESENT SIMPLE PASSIVE

1. Match the sentence halves

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| 1. the metal rhodium is | made from plastic and glass |
| 2. old tyres are | recycled for artificial football pitches |
| 3. plastic bags are | built to be more energy-efficient |
| 4. modern bricks are | found in the stomachs of whales |
| 5. new houses are | used to make mobile phones |
| 6. car windows are | found in south Africa |
| 7. small amounts of gold are | heated to high temperatures before use in buildings |

2. Complete the text with the active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Because most people (replace) their mobile phones every two years or less, about 125 million (throw) in the bin every year in the USA. The problem is that many mobiles (contain) dangerous metals, like lead, mercury and cadmium, so if they (throw) away they (pollute) the environment. Now, organisations like 'Call2Recycle' (offer) to take your old phone for recycling. Your old phone (collect) and then it (sell) back to the company that made it. Then either it (sell) again in another country, or it (take) to pieces for the materials, like plastic, glass and metal, and the electronic components.

3. Choose the correct option

1. My dad says we need to **turn down** / **reduce** the gas we use.
2. If you want to pay less, you have to **consume** / **save** less electricity.
3. We're trying to **consume** / **save** money by **turning down** / **switching off** the water temperature in the shower.
4. Who **wastes** / **leaves** on standby the most electricity in your house?
5. My sister never **wastes** / **switches** off her computer! She often leaves it on all night.
6. When you **leave** / **reduce** the TV on standby, it's still consuming energy.

4. Complete the advice with words from the exercise above

- Always _____ the lights when you leave a room or before you go out.
- Don't leave your electronic devices on _____ when you go to sleep. All those little red or green lights _____ more energy than you think!
- Don't _____ water. Have short showers, and when you brush your teeth don't use water until the end.
- _____ how much meat you eat by going vegetarian one day a week.
- _____ the heating and put on a jumper.
- _____ plastic bags and bottles so you can use them again.

