

WRITING COMPREHENSION

1 Complete the text with the correct word: A, B, C or D.



In the UK ¹____, people throw away about 1,500 kg of food packaging ²____ second. It makes up about 25% of household waste. This is a ³____ problem for the environment, and it is also expensive. The amount of rubbish that ordinary families produce is increasing by 3% every year. The ⁴____ of collecting this rubbish is about £2.5 billion, and rising.

Where does all this packaging go? A lot of it ends up ⁵____ China. Each year, the UK ⁶____ China to receive about two million tonnes of its waste. Most of the plastic waste goes to Lianjiao, a small village in the south of the country. As a result, the river there has become dirty and the air is ⁷____. There is also a growing problem with ⁸____, as some of the workers at the recycling centres are as young as four.

Most people agree that the companies who make sandwiches, pizzas and other products should take action. If they used less packaging, it ⁹____ reduce the amount of waste. So some newspapers and politicians in the UK are telling people that they ¹⁰____ to take unnecessary plastic packaging back to the supermarket and leave it there.

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| 1 A one | B lonely | C alone | D single |
| 2 A all | B any | C ever | D every |
| 3 A big | B strong | C heavy | D bad |
| 4 A money | B cost | C price | D refund |
| 5 A at | B upon | C on | D in |
| 6 A affords | B costs | C earns | D pays |
| 7 A polluted | B stressful | C busy | D noisy |
| 8 A homelessness | B famine | C child labour | D racism |
| 9 A can | B must | C will | D would |
| 10 A should | B ought | C must | D mustn't |

2 Choose the correct words to complete Joanna's blog.



Hi everyone!

Thanks for reading my blog. I'm sorry that ¹I'm not writing / I don't write / I haven't written anything for weeks - I've been really busy. Finally, I've got ²a little / a few time on my own with the computer! Ellie and Oliver have ³been / gone to bed, and Jim and Sarah ⁴watch / are watching a film in the other room.

It was Daniel's birthday last Sunday and ⁵he's had / he had a barbecue. I didn't know it was his birthday, so I ⁶haven't / hadn't bought a present for him. (I bought him a book the next day.) The barbecue was good fun. I met ⁷some / any really interesting people. But the ⁸most / best / more exciting part was the badminton tournament. I won it! While we were in the garden, some wallets ⁹was / were stolen from the house. Daniel called the police, but they ¹⁰weren't coming / didn't come.

This is my last month in England. ¹¹I'll go / I'm going home in three weeks! I wish I ¹²can / could stay a bit longer, but I've already bought my plane ticket. I phoned the travel agency, but they said that I ¹³didn't / couldn't change it. I've really enjoyed ¹⁴living / to live with this family. I'm sure I'll see them again soon. If I have enough money, ¹⁵I'm visiting / I'll visit / I'd visit them next year.