

THE GREEN ISSUE

Before reading - Translate the words in bold before you start reading the text.

bother	_____	facing	_____
hoping	_____	climate change	_____
tips	_____	low-energy	_____
light-bulbs	_____	save	_____
less	_____	remember	_____
air-dry	_____	instead of	_____
drying machine	_____	turn off the tap	_____
recycling bins	_____	carbon dioxide	_____
footprint	_____	goods	_____
wrapping	_____	fair-trade	_____
fair	_____	developing countries	_____
waste	_____	share	_____
assume	_____	consistently	_____
climate change	_____	pollution	_____

Why Bother?

Why **bother**? That really is the big question facing every person **hoping** to do something about **climate change**, and it's not an easy one to answer. The big thing about why bother is that we can do something about it. With very small actions, we can help change a big problem. Here are just a few **tips**.

At home:

If we change our light-bulbs to **low-energy light bulbs**, we will **save** a lot of energy and we will produce a lot **less pollution**. Remember also to turn off the lights when you leave a room.

If we **air-dry** our clothes **instead of** drying them in the **drying machine**, we will save a lot of energy too.

If we **turn off the tap** when we brush our teeth, we will save a lot of water.

If we use **recycling bins**, we will reduce pollution.

When we shop:

If we buy from companies that reduce **carbon dioxide** more companies will reduce carbon dioxide - there are public lists of companies that reduce their carbon dioxide **footprint**.

Less energy will be spent on transporting **goods** if we buy local products.

If we buy products with little or no **wrapping**, companies will use less wrapping and they will pollute a lot less.

If we buy **fair-trade** products, more companies will go **fair** to producers in **developing countries**.

When we go to places:

If we cycle and walk instead of driving, we will reduce pollution. We will **waste** less oil if we **share** our car.

Our town will be less polluted if we take the bus or the train instead of our car.

These are simple actions we can all **assume**, and they can make a big difference in the world. If a big number of people **consistently** try to reduce pollution and waste, we will slow and stop carbon dioxide footprint and **climate change**.

1. Read the text and decide True or False for the following sentences:

- ___ We cannot do anything to stop climate change. .
- ___ All actions against climate change are very complicated.
- ___ Companies can reduce the pollution they produce.
- ___ All light-bulbs consume the same energy.
- ___ Consumers can influence companies by making decisions when shopping.
- ___ Cars pollute more than trains and bikes.

2. Read the sentences and complete the rules with the right answer by choosing the correct alternative:

If we cycle instead of driving, we will reduce pollution.

We will reduce pollution if we cycle instead of driving.

If we share our car, we will waste less oil.

We will waste less oil, if we share our car.

Rules:

- A conditional sentence is formed by two/three clauses (parts).
- We can/can't write the sentence in a different order and with the same meaning

- "If" and "will" are/aren't in the same clause
- All/Not all conditional sentences contain the word "If".

3 Write the structure of a first conditional sentence:

or
