

# Rubbish and recycling

## VOCABULARY BANK

### 1 RUBBISH: NOUNS AND PHRASAL VERBS

a Read the definitions for *rubbish* and *waste*. Then match the other nouns from the list to their definitions.

#### nouns

bin /bɪn/ bin bag /bɪn bæg/  
landfill site /lændfil saɪt/ refuse collector /refjʊs kəlektə/  
rubbish /'rʌbɪʃ/ waste /'weɪst/  
waste-paper basket /'weɪst 'peɪpər bæskɪt/

- 1 rubbish things that you throw away because you don't want them any more (NAmE *garbage* or *trash*)
- 2 waste materials that are not needed and are thrown away, e.g. *industrial* ~, *toxic* ~
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ a container that you put rubbish in (also *dustbin*)
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a plastic bag which you put rubbish in and then throw away
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a small basket kept indoors where people throw away paper and small things
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the person whose job it is to take away the rubbish (also *dustman*, informal *bin man*)
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ an area of land where large amounts of waste are covered with earth

b 4.1 Listen and check.

c Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from the list.

#### phrasal verbs

give away /gɪv ə'weɪ/ take away /teɪk ə'weɪ/  
take out /teɪk aut/ throw away /θrəʊ ə'weɪ/

- 1 If that pen doesn't work, just \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_. I hate having pens around that don't work.
- 2 Please could you \_\_\_\_\_ the rubbish? I did it last week.
- 3 I'm moving house in a few weeks, and I've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of books and clothes to a charity shop.
- 4 In most countries, people throw away used glass, cardboard, etc. in special bins. Local councils then collect this waste and \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to be recycled.

d 4.2 Listen and check.

**ACTIVATION** Cover the words and say the definitions and sentences.

### 2 PACKAGING

a Match the words and photos.

bottle /'bɒtl/	plastic bag /'plæstɪk bæg/
can /kæn/	pot /pɒt/
cardboard box /'kɑ:rdbɔ:d bɒks/	pouch /pɔ:tʃ/
carton /'kɑ:tn/	sell-by date /'selbər deɪt/
jar /dʒɑ:/	tin /tɪn/
lid /lɪd/ (or cap /kæp/)	(polystyrene) tray /'treɪ/
packet /'pækɪt/	1 tub /tʌb/
	wrapper /'ræpə/



b 4.3 Listen and check.

**ACTIVATION** What kind of packaging is normally used for...?

biscuits cereal chicken legs ice cream milk  
olives pasta sauce sardines soft drinks yogurt

### 3 THE PREFIX RE-

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

reapply /ri:ə'plaɪ/ recycle /ri:'sɜ:klaɪ/ reheat /ri:'hi:t/  
replay /ri:'pleɪ/ rethink /ri:'θɪŋk/ reuse /ri:'ju:z/

- 1 There's a bottle bank at the local supermarket where you can recycle all your glass bottles and jars.
- 2 All supermarkets in the UK now charge extra for plastic bags. They prefer customers to have shopping bags which they can \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 If you're not sure about the project, you should \_\_\_\_\_ the whole thing.
- 4 You can \_\_\_\_\_ your dinner in the microwave.
- 5 They'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ the match next Saturday.
- 6 You should \_\_\_\_\_ sunscreen every hour if you have fair skin.

b 4.4 Listen and check.

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