

Mark: Mum! There's lots of rubbish in the garden. Should I put it in the bin?

Mum: Don't, Mark! I'm making a compost pile.

Mark: From rubbish?

Mum: Yes, the best way to build a compost pile is by using things we often (1)..... away after cooking, or things we burn in the garden.

Mark: Really? I didn't know that.

Mum: Here, I've cleared a space in the garden and built the (2) layer of straw and twigs. Let's make the compost pile together. We can start by spreading brown materials on the ground. I've collected some old newspapers and dry (3) for this layer.

Mark: Like this?

Mum: Yes. Then add another layer, but this time we'll use green materials.

Mark: Do you mean the grass clippings?

Mum: Yes, please also add this bag of (4) waste, including vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and used tea. They are also part of the green materials.

Mark: And then?

Mum: Add a thin layer of (5)

Mark: Like this?

Mum: Yes. Now, water everything.

Mark: Done! What's next, Mum?

Mum: Repeat these steps and add more layers... brown... and green... then more soil and water...

Mark: Is that all?

Mum: No, (6) a week we'll need to turn the compost pile and water it. We'll continue until it turns (7) and dark brown.

Mark: That sounds like a lot of work!

Mum: But it's worth it. Look at my lovely flowers and (8) plants.

Mark: So that's your secret for having the best garden in the neighbourhood!

Mum: (laugh) Yes. By using compost, we can not only avoid (9)
fertilisers, but also reuse our household and garden waste instead of sending it to the (10)
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Mark: That's right! And composting is a great way to go green! Here, let me help you...