

Section 3

BELLA: Hi Don — did you get the copy of (1) that I emailed you?

DON: Yeah — it's here ... I've had a look at it.

BELLA: So do you think it's a good topic for our presentation?

DON: Well, (2) I thought recycling footwear, well, although it's quite interesting, perhaps there isn't enough to say about it, cos we put shoes in recycling bins, (3) and that's about it.

BELLA: ... but there's much more to it than that.

DON: I realise that now and (4)

BELLA: That's great.

DON: One of the things I didn't realise until I read the article was just (5)..... get recycled!

BELLA: Well, a lot of young people wear them all the time now. They've become more popular than ordinary shoes.

DON: I know. I guess they are very hard-wearing, but don't they look (6).....? I don't think they're right for that.

BELLA: Actually, I think some of them look quite smart on pupils ... better than (7)
So do you keep shoes a long time?

DON: Yes, Though I do tend to wear my old pairs for doing dirty jobs like (8)

BELLA: I must admit, I've recycled some perfectly good shoes, that (9)..... and still fit, just because they don't look great on me any more. That's awful isn't it?

DON: I think it's common because there's so much choice. The article did say that (10) have increased enormously.

BELLA: That didn't surprise me.

DON: No. But then it said that the amount of recycled footwear has fallen: it's 6 percent now compared to (11) That doesn't seem to make sense.

BELLA: That's because not everything goes through the recycling process. Some footwear (12), for one reason or another, and gets rejected.

BELLA: So let's find some examples in the article of footwear (13)

DON: OK. I think there are some in the interview with the recycling manager. Yeah —here it is.

BELLA: Mmm. Let's start with (14) What did he say about those?

DON: He said they were probably expensive — the material was suede and (15) — it looked like someone had only worn them once, but in a very wet field so the heels were (16)..... to re-sell them.

BELLA: OK . . . and the leather ankle boots. What was wrong with them?

DON: Apparently, the heels were worn — but that wasn't the problem. One of the shoes was (17) than the other one — it had obviously been left in the sun. I suppose even second-hand shoes should look the same!

BELLA: Sure. Then there were the red baby shoes.

DON: Oh yes — (18) when we put them in a recycling bin, but people often don't bother.

BELLA: You'd think it would have been easy to find the other, but it wasn't. That was ashame because they were obviously new.

DON: The trainers were interesting. He said they looked like they'd been (19)

BELLA: Yeah — weren't they split?

Not exactly. One of the soles was so worn under the foot that you could (20)

Well, we could certainly use some of those examples in our presentation to explain why 90 percent of shoes that people (21) get thrown into landfill.

BELLA: Mmm. What did you think about the project his team set up to avoid this by making new shoes out of (22)

DON: It sounded like a good idea. They get so many shoes, they should be able to match parts. (23), though. I mean who wants to buy second-hand shoes really? Think of all the germs you could catch!

BELLA: Well, people didn't refuse them for that reason, did they? It was because (24)

DON: They still managed to ship them overseas, though.

BELLA: That's another area we need to discuss.

DON: You know I used to consider this topic just from my own perspective, by thinking about my own recycling behaviour without (25) So much happens once shoes leave the recycling area.

BELLA: It's not as simple as you first think, and we can show that by (26) to it.

DON: Absolutely. So let's discuss ...