

Reading Task 2: Practical Steps for a Sustainable Future

Reading Passage: Achieving a Green Economy

The move towards a **sustainable** society requires a rapid transformation in the way we live and work. A critical step in this journey is the shift in global **energy systems** from burning fossil fuels (oil, gas, and coal) to using **clean sources**. These renewable sources, such as solar and wind power are increasingly competitive thanks to technological innovation. The goal is to reach a circular economy, which goes beyond simple recycling to include extending the useful life of products and designing them to produce less waste.



Governments and businesses must prioritize large-scale solutions. This involves significant **financial investments** in renewable energy infrastructure and in developing systems to treat and reuse wastewater. Furthermore, local governments can encourage change by reducing city traffic and promoting **sustainable waste management**. Early warning systems for climate disasters are also a key governmental adaptation strategy, as they save lives and property.

However, the daily habits of **individuals and communities** are just as vital. People can immediately reduce their **environmental impact** by practicing the **3Rs: Reduce** (consumption), **Reuse** (items like bags and water bottles), and **Recycle** (paper, plastic, glass). In terms of transportation, opting for **public transportation**, carpooling, or walking instead of driving alone significantly lowers carbon emissions and improves air quality in cities. By embracing energy-efficient appliances at home, individuals also

contribute to lowering overall electricity usage. This collective commitment to greener choices is how we can secure a **liveable climate** for future generations.

Task 1: Detail Comprehension (True/False/Not Given): Read the statements and mark them T (True), F (False), or NG (Not Given).

1. Switching to renewable energy sources is becoming cheaper due to new technology.
2. The goal is to cut global greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by the year 2040.
3. The circular economy focuses solely on recycling materials into new products.
4. Local governments are encouraged to invest in better systems for managing waste.
5. Choosing public transportation is beneficial for both air quality and personal fitness.

Task 2: Vocabulary Matching: Match the key term (1-5) to its best synonym/definition (A-E).

Term	Synonym/Definition
1. sustainable	A. New ideas, methods, or devices.
2. clean sources	B. The ability to continue without using up all the resources.
3. innovation	C. The process of riding with others in a shared vehicle.
4. carpooling	D. Not polluting the environment (e.g., wind or solar power).
5. liveable climate	E. A temperature range and weather conditions that humans can safely exist in.

Task 3: Sentence Completion: Complete the sentences below with a maximum of three words from the reading passage.

1. The three primary actions individuals can take to reduce their impact are the _____.
2. To protect people and property, governments use _____ for disasters.
3. The **circular economy** involves extending the _____ of products to reduce waste.
4. By using _____ at home, people can lower their electricity consumption.

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