

Vocabulary

The environment

1 Complete the definitions with these words.

care about environment planet pollution
recycle reduce reuse rubbish

- 1 _____: a large round object in space (e.g. the Earth)
- 2 _____: damage to the natural world by harmful substances
- 3 _____: use something more than once
- 4 _____: things that people throw in the bin
- 5 _____: be interested in someone or something
- 6 _____: change waste into something new
- 7 _____: use less of something
- 8 the _____: the natural world

2 Complete the text with the correct words from Exercise 1.

Me and the environment

Every day, I read a new article about
1 _____, like dirty air from factories,
and it really worries me. We only have one
2 _____, so we need to look after
the environment. It's something that I really
3 _____, so I always try to do the right
thing. I recycle as much as I can and I'm trying
to 4 _____ how much plastic I use,
so I hardly ever buy things in plastic packets.
I also 5 _____ things. For example, I
use old clothes to clean the house. My goal is to
throw nothing away – I want to have an empty
6 _____ bin!

Grammar

used to

1 Complete the sentences and questions with the correct form of *used to*.

- 1 I _____ care about the environment, but now I know it's important.
- 2 Sheila loves cooking programmes now, but she _____ prefer chat shows.
- 3 What kind of music _____ you _____ listen to when you were a teenager?
- 4 Before phones, everyone _____ have to meet on time!
- 5 In the past, cars and buses _____ have any windscreen wipers.
- 6 _____ Luis _____ read lots of books?

2 Write three sentences comparing your life now with your life five years ago. Use *used to* and *didn't use to*.

I used to watch a lot of TV, but now I prefer reading.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Pronunciation

Understanding elision (1): *used to*

1 Listen and choose the word you hear.

- 1 I *used to* / *didn't use to* care about trees.
- 2 I *used to* / *didn't use to* use a plastic toothbrush.
- 3 I *used to* / *didn't use to* buy new clothes every month.
- 4 I *used to* / *didn't use to* walk everywhere.