READING

Green News

In this week's magazine, meet Tom Baxter. Tom is a member of a group called Green and Clean.

- Hi, Tom. Tell us about Green and Clean.

Well, we're a group of students aged thirteen to eighteen, and we want to save the planet. One way to do this is to clean up the litter around us.

- Why is this important to you?

Well, I enjoy mountain biking in the countryside, but I see a lot of litter there. People go walking in the countryside, and they leave their glass bottles, paper, metal cans and plastic bags. Litter is dangerous because it can start fires in hot weather. It can also kill—animals and birds sometimes eat it or cut their feet on the glass and metal. Then they get sick, and they sometimes die. Plastic bottles are also a problem. They pollute the planet!

- So what does your group do?

We clean up a different area every week. We put the litter in four bins: there's one for plastic, one for metal, one for glass and one for paper. Then we take the bins to the recycling center.

- Is litter the biggest problem for the environment?

No, there are bigger problems, and we can help the environment in other ways, too. We should use bicycles, not cars, because bicycles don't pollute the environment. We shouldn't waste food, water and energy. We should protect wild animals and their environment. And, of course, we should always reuse and recycle things, not throw them away.

I. READ THE TEXT. WHAT KIND OF TEXT IS IT?
a) an article in a newspaper
b) an email to a friend
c) an interview in a magazine

II. READ THE TEXT AGAIN. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.
1. Find the names of four containers.

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2. Tom gives three reasons why the litter is bad for the environment. List them.

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3. Tom talks about four ways people can protect the environment. List them.

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III. MATCH THE SENTENCE BEGINNINGS (1-5) TO THE ENDINGS (A-E).
1. Tom sees a lot of litter ___
2. Litter can start ___
3. Litter can make ___
4. Plastic bottles ___
5. The members of Green and Clean ___

a) fires in the countryside.
b) animals and birds sick.
c) pollute the environment.
d) take the litter to a recycling center.
e) when he goes mountain biking.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LISTENING

I. LISTEN TO SANDRA AND RICHARD SHOPPING. MARK THE THINGS THEY SEE.

a hat __ notebooks __ chocolate __ clocks __ CDs __

II. LISTEN AGAIN. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS.

1. The hat costs...
a) $13 b) $30 c) $33

2. They use ... to make the hats and belts.
a) paper b) plastic c) metal

3. The bike is in a... box
a) metal b) plastic c) cardboard

4. They used ... cans to make the bike.
a) 285 b)2, 850 c) 85

5. Richard buys the...
a) chocolate b) bike c) notebook

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