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## Rubbish

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Rubbish is everywhere these days. I'm fed up with it. Every time I walk down the street, I'm almost falling over it. I don't know why people can't throw their rubbish away properly. They are lazy and have no respect for others. They don't seem to care about the environment either. It's the same in every country. There's litter in the streets, even though there are rubbish bins everywhere. Rivers are full of plastic bags and bottles. This makes a beautiful place look ugly. And the countryside is full of rubbish. People even throw their TVs and fridges into fields, or anywhere they think people won't see them. Where I live now, people throw rubbish in the street outside their house. They think other people will pick it up.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# STUDENT RUBBISH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rubbish in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about rubbish. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about rubbish. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. RUBBISH POSTER** Make a poster about rubbish. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY RUBBISH LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on rubbish. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on rubbish. Share your findings with the class.

