

## ***Live Lesson Notes***

# **Recycling**

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### **What you will learn in this worksheet:**

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Useful vocabulary  
Do you recycle? Why?  
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Model Answers

## Useful Links

What happens when you **throw plastic away**?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xINyWPpB8>

An interesting article about the reasons we recycle and are they really justifiable?

<http://theconversation.com/is-there-any-point-in-recycling-109550>

A great tool for learning vocabulary

<https://quizlet.com/6398679/recycling-vocabulary-flash-cards/>

Some interesting "go green" quotes

<https://quotes.yourdictionary.com/articles/go-green-catch-phrases.html>

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## Introduction

In this free IELTS Speaking lesson on the topic of RECYCLING, you will learn how to talk about your recycling, why we should do it and the kind of things we can recycle.

[Watch the complete video about this topic of recycling here.](#)

## Warm Up Questions

These are the kind of questions on this topic of business that you might find in IELTS Speaking.

Speak out your answer to the following questions!

*Do you recycle?*

*What do you recycle? Why?*

*Did you recycle as a child?*

## Useful vocabulary

**Recycle** (v) plastic

**Reduce** (v) our use of plastic

**Reuse** (v) items

We can recycle plastic **into** other products

**Recycling** (n.)

Recycling is important to protect mother earth.

*One of the main things we recycle is waste. There are many words we can use to talk about **waste**.*

waste

rubbish (GB)

rash (US)

garbage (US)

debris

rubbish bin (UK)

garbage can (US)

trash can (US)

landfill

dumping ground

rubbish tip

Biodegradable (adj.) - can decompose naturally

I recycle **biodegradable** items, such as food, or any other **organic** material, in order to make **compost**.

**Compost** (helps the soil)  
**Fertiliser** (helps the plants)

I **separate** food **from** household waste

I **segregate** food **from** household waste

I **keep** degradable items **separate from** non-degradable things

*Key phrases to talk about throwing away rubbish are,*

Throw **away**

Throw **out**

Get **rid of**

Toss **away / out** (inf.)

Dispose **of** (frml.)

Donate (=give away)

## **Common Collocations**

Recycling Programme

Recycling centre / factory / plant

Recycling bins / Recycling containers

Recyclable items

## Do you recycle? Why?

I recycle to save/protect/conserve THE environment

I do, **for the sake of** nature

Yes, because it's **environmentally friendly / eco-friendly**

Yes I do, the reason behind this is, it **prevents pollution** and the remaining waste **acts as compost**

I do it in order to **save trees**

It's important to **protect the environment**

Yes, it's our duty to **conserve natural resources**

I recycle to **protect wildlife**, especially **endangered species**

Yes, so that we can **reduce greenhouse gases**

## Tips for part 1

Practice speaking for 20 seconds - put your timer on!  
Remember, talk about **you!**

Try it now with these questions.

*Do **you** recycle?*

*What do **you** recycle?*

*Did **you** recycle as a child?*

## What should we recycle?

When it comes to **recycling**, we can **recycle**...

Common **recyclables** are...

Plastic

Glass

Paper / cardboard / boxes

Food / leftovers (uneaten food)

Batteries

Used oil

By putting it into separate containers / bins

When it comes to re-using, we **can make good use of old clothes**

Selling **second-hand clothes** online **is all the rage** (=very fashionable) now

We can pass old clothes down to younger siblings

**When it comes to re-using, we can make good use of notebooks and magazines**

These can be used for **craftwork projects** or activities with kids.

## Model Answers

### Will you recycle in the future?

To be honest, I think, I am gonna recycle more and more in the future.

On the one hand, the systems that the government has **are being refined** and **polished** and **getting better and better**, which makes it easier for me to recycle.

But also, I think there is **a dire need** (= an important need) for people generally to recycle more to save the environment.

So I want to **do my bit** (=make my contribution) to help **conserve the environment** and I think recycling is gonna play a key role in doing that.

So I will undoubtedly recycle more in the future.



## **How will you raise awareness about recycling in your town?**

Well, I think it's really important for **young people and old people alike**, to learn more about recycling and how important it can be.

So I think one of the key things I would do, is I would **first of all** do a **social media campaign**, maybe with some memes and some videos, showing people how to recycle.

That's probably the most important thing, but then also, showing them the impact, the **positive impact of recycling**, and I think that's a really good way to do it because lots of people nowadays **get their main information through social media**, so it's a channel where we can reach them and have a bigger impact.

Yes, I think that would be **my key focus**, if I had an **awareness campaign** on the topic of recycling.

## How can a nation be developed by recycling?

I think, this is an interesting question, and **on the one hand**, I am not sure that a nation can be developed by recycling, but there are **clear benefits** to recycling.

So, I think on the one hand, you can **raise the awareness** and the kind of the educational level of the **general public** through **government campaigns** to understand how to recycle and the importance of recycling.

So, that's one **clear benefit**. I guess on the other hand, if we are recycling plastics and glass and other items, **non-biodegradable items**, then although yes we are **protecting the environment**, we probably gonna have a **positive impact** on industry as well.

Initially, it may have a **negative impact** on the economy and industry because it might be more expensive, but **in the long term** it's surely gonna make the economy stronger, because we will have **sustainable resources** that we can use to develop the economy.

So, I guess in the long term, yes, it will help a country to develop their own economy, as well as the general education of the general public.