

Rubbish and recycling

VOCABULARY BANK

1 RUBBISH: NOUNS AND PHRASAL VERBS

- a Read the definitions for *rubbish* and *waste*. Then match the other nouns to their definitions.

nouns

bin /bɪn/ bin bag /'bɪn bæɡ/
dustman /'dʌstmən/
landfill site /'lændfɪl saɪt/
rubbish /'rʌbɪʃ/ waste /weɪst/
waste-paper basket /weɪst 'peɪpə bɑːskɪt/

- 1 *rubbish* things that you throw away because you don't want them any more (AmE *garbage* or *trash*)
- 2 *waste* materials that are not needed, and thrown away, e.g. *industrial* ~, *toxic* ~
- 3 _____ a container kept outside that you put rubbish in (also *dustbin*)
- 4 _____ a plastic bag which you put rubbish in and then throw away
- 5 _____ a small basket kept in a room where people throw away paper and small things
- 6 _____ the person whose job it is to take away the rubbish (also *refuse collector*, NAmE *garbage collector*)
- 7 _____ an area of land where large amounts of waste are covered with earth

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- c Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from the list.

phrasal verbs

give away /gɪv ə'weɪ/ take away /teɪk ə'weɪ/
take out /teɪk 'aʊt/ throw away /θrəʊ ə'weɪ/

- 1 If that pen doesn't work, just _____ it _____. I hate having pens around that don't work.
- 2 Please could you _____ the rubbish? I did it yesterday.
- 3 I'm moving house in a few weeks, and I've decided to _____ a lot of books and clothes to a charity shop.
- 4 In many countries there are special containers for used glass and cardboard. People then come and _____ it _____ to be recycled.

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2 PACKAGING

- a Match the words and pictures.

bottle /'bɒtl/
can /kæn/
cardboard box /'kɑːdbɔːd bɒks/
carton /'kɑːtn/
jar /dʒɑː(r)/
lid /lɪd/
packet /'pækɪt/
plastic bag /'plæstɪk bæɡ/
polystyrene tray /pɒli'staɪrɪn treɪ/
pot /'pɒt/
sell-by date /'sel baɪ deɪt/
tin /tɪn/
tub /tʌb/
wrapper /'ræpə/



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- c What kind of packaging is normally used for...?

yoghurt biscuits olives soft drinks
sardines a washing machine
ice cream milk

3 THE PREFIX RE-

- a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

reapply /rɪˈæplai/ recycle /rɪˈsaɪkl/ reheat /rɪˈhiːt/
replay /rɪˈpleɪ/ rethink /rɪˈθɪŋk/ reuse /rɪˈjuːz/

- 1 There's a bottle bank at the local supermarket where you can recycle all your glass bottles and jars.
- 2 Many supermarkets now charge extra for plastic bags. They prefer customers to have shopping bags which they can _____.
- 3 If you're not sure about the project, you should _____ the whole thing.
- 4 You can _____ your dinner in the microwave.
- 5 They'll have to _____ the match next Saturday.
- 6 You should _____ sunscreen every hour if you have fair skin.

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