

The Q Classroom

Activity A., p. 146

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

1. Shoes, jewelry, bicycles, small appliances, refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.
2. The oldest piece of clothing that I still wear is a jacket that I got about 12 year ago. I still wear it because I like the colors and it is warm.
3. Yes, I buy things when they go on sale. No, I do not buy things when they go on sale.

Activity B., p. 146

Answers will vary. Possible answers include:

1. They don't work as well as the newer versions.
2. When people buy new things, stores make more money and are able to hire more people. I agree with Yuna that buying new things is good for the economy.

PREVIEW THE UNIT

Activity D., p. 148

1. c
2. b
3. b
4. c
5. c
6. a
7. d

Activity E., p. 148

Answers will vary.

READING 1

PREVIEW THE READING

Activity A., pp. 149–150

1. consequences
2. possession
3. habit
4. consumer

5. persuade

6. feature

7. attitude

8. factor

9. disposable

Activity C., p. 150

It's a society that throws away a lot.

Activity D., p. 150

Answers will vary.

WORK WITH THE READING

Activity B., pp. 152–153

1. The grandfather believes that nothing is built to last anymore.
2. because people throw out more than ever before
3. It means that we do not fix things; we throw them away.
4. paper towels, paper plates, plastic cups, cameras, razors for shaving
5. They are convenient and save time.
6. Companies like disposable products because people throw them away and buy more.
7. We throw away our old things and create a lot of garbage.
8. The author thinks that people should repair their possessions instead of throwing them away. She also thinks people should stop spending so much.

Activity C., p. 153

1. toasters; TVs
2. modern manufacturing and technology
3. because they contain many tiny and complicated parts
4. they are old; they are broken; they are disposable; they are cheaper to replace
5. because they want the newest versions

6. a. the amount of trash in the United States per person more than doubled ; b. 70 percent of waste is trash and 30 percent is recycled ; C., percentage of household trash recycled in the United Kingdom

Activity D., p. 153

How did we become a throwaway society? What's wrong with that? Do we really need the latest clothing styles when our closets are full of clothes? The author knows the answer to each question, but she asks the question to make the reader think.

Activity E., p. 154

1. c
2. e
3. b
4. a
5. d

WRITE WHAT YOU THINK

Activity A., B., p. 154

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

1. I have recently thrown away a coffee machine. I broke the glass coffee pot, but the machine still worked. I went to the store to buy a replacement coffee pot. The replacement cost \$15.00, but I could buy a new coffee maker for only \$25.00. So I bought a new one.
2. I have a bicycle that I don't use anymore. It's about ten years old. I could donate it to a group that fixes bikes and then gives the bikes to children.
3. Yes. I recycle paper, cardboard, and newspapers. I would like to recycle plastic containers, but my city

doesn't have a good system for recycling plastic.

READING SKILL

Activity A., p. 155

1. F
2. F
3. O
4. O
5. O
6. F

Activity B., pp. 155–156

1. Fact: Colors can affect how people feel.
Opinion: I think pink is a beautiful color.
2. Fact: Cell phones are more popular than they were 15 years ago.
Opinion: Writing a text message is better than a voicemail message.
3. Fact: Recycling plastic, paper, and glass is common in most places.
Opinion: In my opinion, it takes too much time and money to recycle plastic, paper, and glass.
4. Fact: You can pay with your credit card when you shop online.
Opinion: I don't think that you save money when you shop online.

READING 2

PREVIEW THE READING

Activity A., pp. 156–157

- a. budget
- b. exist
- c. fresh
- d. materialistic
- e. model
- f. patched
- g. sign
- h. significant
- i. term

j. actual

Activity C., p. 157

A throwaway society shows that people are doing well.

Activity d., p. 157

Answers will vary.

WORK WITH THE READING

Activity B., p. 159

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. F
5. T
6. F
7. F

Activity C., pp. 159–160

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. c

Activity D., p. 160

1. less, less
2. small, more, replace
3. more, lower/cheaper, afford/buy
4. better
5. benefit, reason

WRITE WHAT YOU THINK

Activity A., p. 160

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

1. I think it is better to save and wear old clothing. If you buy new clothes every year, it will cost a lot of money.
2. I agree with most of his points. Because people are wealthier, they can just replace items. I agree that most things have more features than before. He does give reasons to support his opinions. However, he doesn't talk about the result of

throwing things away: too much trash. Also, he doesn't talk about the need to recycle things. People now are used to throwing out everything; people are not used to getting things repaired. He has not discussed the facts that do not support his opinion.

Activity C., p. 161

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

1. An advantage of buying new is that a new item will have more features. For example, it may be quieter or more energy-efficient. The disadvantage is that when we throw away appliances and electronic equipment, we add to the problem of trash.
2. I often throw away plastic containers and plastic bags. To change my habit, I need to have a convenient place to put my things. I can use the small plastic containers to store food in or to hold small things. When I go shopping, I can reuse the bags.

VOCABULARY SKILL

Activity A., p. 162

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. b

Activity B., p. 162

1. We picked the children up from school.
2. Please throw your trash away.
3. Put your hat on.
4. I'm going to throw my old watch out and buy a new one.

5. I walk a lot, so I wear my shoes out quickly.

WRITING SKILL

Activity A., p. 163

1. Short Sentences: It's a nice way to spend the afternoon. I love buying shoes. Don't fix them. Buy a new pair. It's fun!
2. Long Sentences: I usually fix the things I have, but I always buy new shoes. I already have lots of shoes in different styles and colors, but I always find a new pair that I want to buy. Sometimes after class, I meet my friend Sue. We have coffee, and then we go shopping for shoes at the new shopping center downtown.
3. Questions: Do you prefer to fix what you have or buy new things? Are your shoes old and worn out?
4. Imperatives: Don't fix them. Buy a new pair.

Activity B., p. 164

1. I try to recycle things, but other people in my family usually just throw things away.
2. It was raining all day, so my clothes got wet.
3. I wasn't wearing a raincoat, so I might catch a cold.
4. Vladimir likes to buy new clothes, and his sister Maria likes to buy new clothes, too.
5. I wish vacation were longer, but school starts on Monday.

Activity C., p. 164

Answers will vary. Sample answer:

Earlier this year, some students noticed that recycling was difficult at our school. There were no containers to collect recycled paper, so people just threw paper

away. Also, many students drink bottled water, and they throw bottles in the trash without thinking. Student organizers made posters about recycling, and they put containers for recycling paper in every classroom and office. In one month, there was a significant increase in recycled paper and bottles. The organizers are very happy with the results. They hope people's habits and attitudes continue to change.

Activity D., p. 165

Answers will vary

Activity E., p. 154

Answers will vary.

Activity F., p. 154

Answers will vary.

GRAMMAR

Activity A., p. 166

1. single action
2. series of actions
3. repeated action
4. repeated action
5. single action
6. series of actions

Activity B., p. 167

1. interrupted action
2. duration
3. interrupted action
4. duration

UNIT ASSIGNMENT

PLAN AND WRITE

Activity A., p. 167

Answers will vary.

Activity B., p. 167

Answers will vary

Activity C., p. 168

Answers will vary.