

Reading and Writing Level 2

Unit 7

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Complete the paragraphs with the correct words from the word bank.

consequences attitude factor persuade disposable features possessions habit
consumer

The other day I bought a new cell phone. Before that, I kept my old one for a long time. I think buying new things when the old ones still work is a bad habit. Many people end up owning way too many things. Then they have to take care of all those possessions.

My friends helped persuade me to buy the cell phone. They showed me all the features they had on their phones and told me about all the things I could do if my phone had those abilities. Cost was also a big factor in my choice. The phone was on sale for half-price. I am the kind of consumer who likes a bargain!

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That store and my new phone are helping to change my attitude about buying new things. I now think my friends were right. I love my new phone!

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Read the article. Then choose the best answer for each question.

Sell Your Stuff Online

With the new year, many of us decide to try to improve our lives in new ways. Last year I decided to get rid of stuff that I didn't need. But I didn't want to throw the things away. I had a lot of things that were still in good condition, and I didn't want them to just go to the dump. I started to sell things online with eBay™, the online sale site. It's a great way to get rid of stuff. And you can make money at the same time! According to a recent study, the average home has about 35 unused items—items that could be sold for a total of \$670.

eBay now has partner websites in over 30 countries around the world. For instance, MercadoLibre™ is the site used in many Spanish-speaking countries. Some people think selling things on these sites is complicated, but it's not very difficult at all to sell online. The "Help" links at eBay give sellers a lot of information about how to get started. In my opinion, using these sites is the easiest way to reach a lot of

1. On average, how many items does a household not use?

- 35
- 30
- 44

2. Approximately how much money could people in the average home get for their unused items?

- \$440
- \$500
- \$670

3. eBay has partner sites in over ____ countries.

- 35
- 44

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✓ 30

4. When does this writer sell things?

- when the writer needs money
- every six months

✓ during spare time

5. Where do items go when they are sold?

- ✓ to people who want them
- to England
- to a dump

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6. Who is selling things online?

- everyone in England
- ✓ 44 percent of people in England
- 44 percent of people in the world

7. Where can you get information on how to set up an eBay account?

- from other eBay sellers
- ✓ from eBay's "Help" links
- from eBay's partner websites

8. What's the best thing about eBay for this writer?

- having room for shoes in the closet
- ✓ keeping things from the dump

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Are the statements below facts or opinions? Drag each sentence into the correct category. Click READ to see the article again.

READ

Fact	Opinion
<p>EBay now has partner websites in over 30 countries around the world.</p> <p>I started to sell things online with eBay.</p> <p>According to a recent study, the average home has approximately 35 unused items.</p> <p>In England, 44 percent of people say that they sell things online.</p>	<p>It seems that everyone is doing it.</p> <p>It's not very difficult at all to sell online.</p> <p>Using these sites is the easiest way to reach the most people.</p> <p>It's a great way to get rid of stuff.</p>

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Complete the sentences with the correct words from the word bank. You do not need to use all the words.

budget materialistic actual significant term patched sign model exists fresh

- I'm afraid we have spent more money than our budget allows.
- If a lot of people vote, they could make a significant difference in who wins the election.
- My sister is going to the car dealer to see the new model of a car she wants.
- Some people think that a strange animal exists in Loch Ness in Scotland.
- His new classmates seemed very materialistic. All they talked about were their cars, clothes, and other possessions.
- "High definition" is a term that describes a kind of television set.
- If Keiko's jacket is gone, that's probably a sign that she left.
- The old pot of coffee was made hours ago, so I made a fresh pot.

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Complete the sentences with the correct phrasal verb from the word bank.

wore-out throw-away fell-down watch-out stopped-by picked-up put-on fell-apart

1. Be sure to throw away your trash after you finish your lunch.
2. My son fell down at school and hurt his knee.
3. You should watch out when you go to that street at night.
4. Amy picked up her cell phone and called a new number.
5. They were going to a special restaurant, so they put on nice clothes.
6. The book was so old that when I picked it up, it fell apart.
7. I'm afraid that I wore out those shoes by running in them so much.
8. I stopped by the supermarket on my way home.

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Read the paragraph. Then choose the best answer for each question.

The Disposable History of America

(1) One reason that the United States is often called a throwaway society is because Americans love convenience. (2) This has an interesting history. (3) After World War II ended, the U.S. economy grew. (4) Many people had jobs. (5) People were busy with work, but they wanted to spend more time relaxing. (6) During the 1950s and 1960s, busy Americans looked for ways to save time. (7) They became more interested in saving time than in saving money. (8) One place people tried to save time was at home, doing chores like cooking and cleaning. (9) Soon, frozen “TV” dinners, and disposable plates and cups were for sale in every grocery store. (10) Why use and wash cloth kitchen towels when you could simply use a paper towel once and throw it away? (11) In addition, consumer products became less expensive because manufacturing improved. (12) For example, it was cheaper and easier to buy a new watch

1. Sentence 2 is ____.
 a compound sentence
 a short sentence
 an imperative
2. How can sentences 3 and 4 be combined?
 After World War II ended, the U.S. economy grew, and many people had jobs.
 After World War II ended, the U.S. economy grew, but many people had jobs.
 After World War II ended, the U.S. economy grew, or many people had jobs.
3. Which short sentence would fit between sentences 5 and 6?

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3. Which short sentence would fit between sentences 5 and 6?

- They wanted to spend less time working.
- They started to throw more things away.
- They were proud of their strong economy.

4. Which sentence begins with a time order word?

- Sentence 5
- Sentence 7
- Sentence 6

5. How many imperative sentences are in this paragraph?

- 2

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5. How many imperative sentences are in this paragraph?

- 2
- ✓ 0
- 1

6. Which short sentence can go between sentences 8 and 9?

- They could not save any time at work.
- They had lots of extra time at home.
- ✓ Companies made products to help them.

7. Sentence 10 is ____.

- a combined sentence.

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- 7. Sentence 10 is ____.
 - a combined sentence.
 - a short sentence.
 - ✓ a question.
- 8. Which is the best imperative sentence to add at the end of this paragraph?
 - Look for even more ways to save time now!
 - ✓ Just throw them away and get new ones!
 - Stop hurting the Earth looking for convenience!

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Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- When I was a child, I **complained** every time I had to take a bath.
- I was impressed when she **entered** the room with such confidence.
- I was late to class. When I arrived, the students **were taking** the test.
- Paula made a lot of new friends while she **was studying** as a student in France.
- After shopping for many hours, I **found** a great bargain.
- Every Friday night, my brother **tried** to persuade me to lend him money.
- While I **was studying**, I received an important phone call.
- It **was raining** particularly hard when I left the office.
- Lin **wrote** down the two numbers, added them together, and **told** her group the total.

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What type of action is described? Drag each sentence into the correct category.

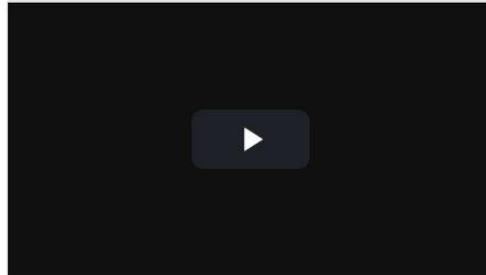
Completed or repeated action	Action of long duration	Interrupted action
It snowed every winter when I lived in that town.	Jackson was going to school all year.	I was writing her an email when she called.
When I lived in college, I visited my family every summer.	We were camping last week.	Jun was studying when his mother called him for dinner.
I told everyone about my vacation when I returned.	I was practicing my speech for three hours.	Ilene was driving home when it started snowing.
I listened to my mother tell a story last night.		
Henry finished his book a few minutes ago.		

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1. Bill Ferrel, a sociology professor, looks in ____.
 shelters
✓ dumpsters
2. He wants to find objects that can be ____.
 thrown out
✓ recycled
3. He is a(n) ____.
 social worker
✓ environmentalist
4. He wants to ____ water and air pollution by reusing, instead of burning trash.
 expand
✓ limit
5. Another word for trash or garbage is ____.

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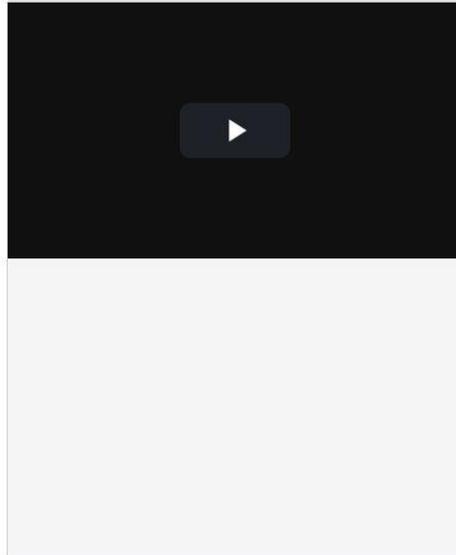
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dumpster

✓ refuse

6. He found a shirt that had never been worn. It still had the company's ___ attached.

bag

✓ tag

7. He gives reusable items to charities and to people who live in ___.

charities

✓ shelters

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