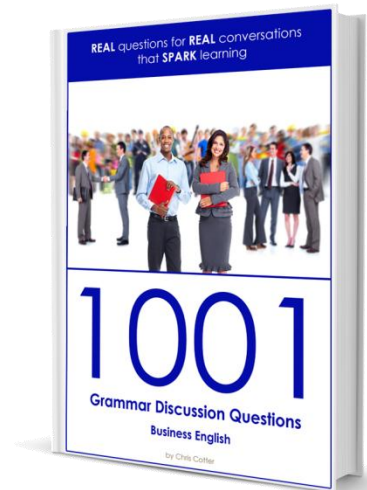
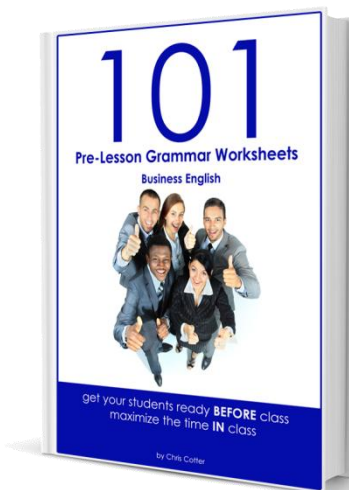


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

Bottled Water is Bad

Sales of bottled water have increased by 400% in the last twenty years. In the US, there was \$11.7 billion in bottled water sales in 2007, and this was a record. More people selected water instead of soda, sugary juices, and caffeinated drinks like coffee. However, one liter of bottled water produces almost half a pound of greenhouse gases. The energy used to make and ship bottled water could power 250,000 homes for a year, which is an unnecessary use of resources.

Bottled water can be useful, though. For example, water is a healthy alternative at large events for sports, festivals, and concerts because people need to drink something there. In areas without clean water, bottled water is even more beneficial. However, many people choose bottled water instead of tap water at home, even though both are equally healthy. Tap water costs a lot less too. In addition, there isn't much difference in taste between tap water and bottled water.

Many people recycle the plastic bottles, which helps the environment. But too many plastic bottles are thrown in the garbage, and which then go to the landfill - in the US, 3900 million pounds (1770 million kilograms). All of those empty water bottles don't let people efficiently reduce, reuse, and recycle resources.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the answers.

the Article (for students)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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Sentence #1:
Sentence #2:
Sentence #3:

STEP ONE

Title: Today's article is: "Bottled Water is Bad." What will you read about?

STEP TWO

Questions: Read as much of the article as you can in two minutes. Guess the answers to the questions below, then listen to your teacher read the article. Try to confirm your answers.

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| a. | What has happened to sales of bottled water? |
| b. | Why do people choose to drink bottled water? |
| c. | In what situations is bottled water useful? |
| d. | What does the article say about the taste of bottled water? |
| e. | How many plastic bottles are thrown in the garbage every year? |

STEP THREE

Fill in the Blanks: Listen to the article again. Fill in the blanks with the missing sentences.

STEP FOUR

Fragments: Remember how the fragments were used, and complete the sentence.

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| a. | More people selected water instead... |
| b. | However, one liter of bottled water produces almost... |
| c. | In addition, there isn't much difference in taste between ... |
| d. | Many people recycle the plastic bottles, which... |

STEP FIVE

Discuss: Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Remember to support your answers and ask more questions with your partner.

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| a. | Do you drink bottled water? If yes, how much? If no, why don't you drink it? |
| b. | Will this article cause you to stop buying bottled water? Why/not? |
| c. | What problem causes the greatest damage to the environment? Why? |
| d. | Do you agree that it's best to reduce, reuse, and recycle resources? Why/not? |