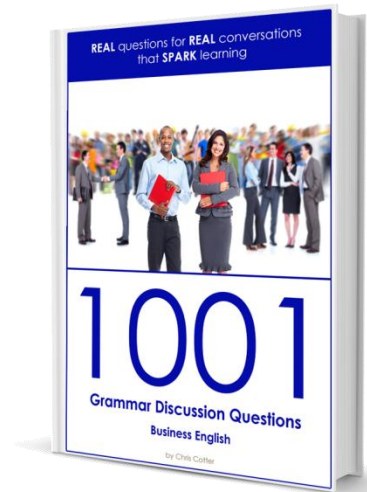
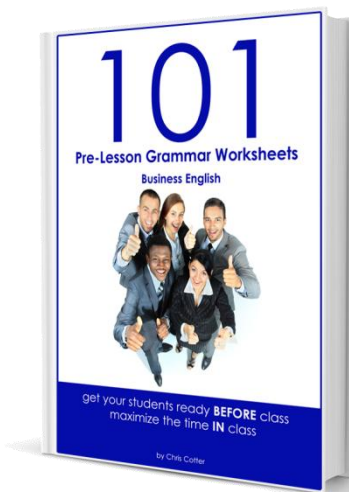


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

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 recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

the Article (for students)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

efficiently	addition	unnecessary	produces	environment
selected	beneficial	difference	caffeinated	alternative

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STEP ONE

Define: What does "landfill" mean? Can you use it in a sentence? Can you give examples?

STEP TWO

Target Word Pool: Find only the target words (in bold) with their exact match. Time yourself, and see how long it takes to find all the words.

produces efficiently	selected unnecessary	beneficial alternative
unnecessarily	efficiency	benefit
deselect	production	unnecessary
selects	produced	alternative
efficiently	selection	alternatively
unneeded	beneficially	inefficiency
alternatives	necessary	inefficiently
produce	produces	deselected
beneficial	efficient	unbeneficial
alternate	selected	necessity
		procedure
		benefits

STEP THREE

Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

produces efficiently	selected unnecessary	beneficial alternative
a.	More people () water instead of soda and sugary juices.	
b.	One liter of bottled water () half a pound of greenhouse gases.	
c.	This is an () use of resources.	
d.	Water is a healthy () at large events for sports.	
e.	In areas without clean water, bottled water is even more ().	
f.	Empty water bottles don't let people () reuse resources.	

STEP FOUR

The Article: 1) Read the article, but don't worry about the missing words. 2) Fill in the blanks with today's vocabulary, followed by all the other words. 3) Read the article again, and circle any unknown words/phrases. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the words or phrases your circled. 4) Answer the questions to check your comprehension.

a.	People drink bottled water for health reasons.	T/F
b.	Bottled water is a waste of resources and isn't at all useful.	T/F
c.	Most people can taste the difference between bottled water and tap water.	T/F
d.	People recycle plastic, so bottled water doesn't get thrown in the garbage.	T/F
e.	It's best to reduce, reuse, and recycle resources.	T/F

STEP FIVE

Discuss: Write down three vocabulary words from today's article that you want to use.

a.	
b.	
c.	

Now talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Every time you use a vocabulary word, place a check next to it.

a.	Will this article cause you to stop buying bottled water? Why/not?
b.	What problem causes the greatest damage to the environment? Why?
c.	Do you agree that it's best to reduce, reuse, and recycle resources? Why/not?
d.	Were you surprised by how much Americans pollute? Does your country pollute a lot?

Score yourself:

7-10 times, or more: Fantastic! Be sure to review the words at home.

4-6 times: Pretty good! You're on your way to acquiring today's vocabulary. Try writing your own sentences at home for more practice.

3 or less times: Try harder next time! To acquire new vocabulary, you need to use the new words as much as possible.