
Quiz audio script

Units 7–8 [Track 5]

A Listen to the conversations. Check the correct answers.

1.

MARCO: Are you going to buy that bottle of water?

SARA: Uh, yeah, Marco, I am. Why?

MARCO: Are you going to recycle it when you're finished with it?

SARA: I don't know. Maybe. Why are you asking?

MARCO: Well, most water bottles get tossed in the trash. Less than 25 percent of water bottles actually get recycled.

SARA: Less than 25 percent? You must be joking.

MARCO: No, I'm serious. Nearly 30 billion plastic bottles end up in trash dumps around the world. Most people don't recycle when they're out and about driving their cars or walking on a city street. There aren't convenient recycling options for most people outside their homes.

SARA: Well, why don't you spend your energy encouraging people to recycle their water bottles?

MARCO: Don't worry. I'm already working on a few ideas!

2.

BIANCA: You know, I get so tired of being told not to use my car! I just saw a TV show about global warming, and this man said that people who have cars are selfish!

JASON: Well, many problems have been caused by pollution from heavy traffic.

BIANCA: Yes, but what am I supposed to do? There's only one bus a day to the city where I work, and it leaves at noon. I have to be at work early in the morning.

JASON: I know how you feel, Bianca. But one thing to do about it is to live closer to where you work.

BIANCA: What, live in all that pollution? No, thanks!

3.

STEPHANIE: I hate my job! I think I need to go back to school.

TIM: Good for you, Stephanie! What do you want to study?

STEPHANIE: Well, I can't decide between environmental science and biomedical science.

TIM: Well, would you prefer to work on the environment or specialize in medicine and health when you graduate?

STEPHANIE: I'm worried about how environmental problems affect people's health. For example, chemicals are being pumped into the river near where I live. I'm sure the fish farms are being contaminated by chemicals.

TIM: Sounds like environmental science is for you.

4.

CLAIRE: Evan, did you see what's being offered this fall? I'm thinking about registering for a class.

EVAN: Yeah, I've already registered. I'm taking psychology. Hey, why don't you join me, Claire? It'll be fun.

CLAIRE: Well, I'd prefer to take something more useful. I was considering either auto repair or the science of cooking.

EVAN: You know, a better way to learn about auto repair is by studying car-repair manuals. You can find them online, instead of spending money on a class.

CLAIRE: Yeah, I could try that first. So then, I think I'll register for the science of cooking class. I've always wanted to learn about food safety and quality.