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WRITING

Blog post: expressing your opinion

1 Work in pairs. Do the quiz.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RUBBISH?
How long do you think it takes for these things to decompose?

2–3 months 4,000–2 million years 2–3 weeks
500–1,000 years 50 years 9 years 1 month

1 Glass _____
2 Tin can _____
3 Woolly sock _____
4 Cardboard _____
5 Paper bag _____
6 Plastic bag _____
7 Banana peel _____

Check the quiz answers on page 167.

2 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1 What do people in your neighbourhood do to keep the environment clean? What else should they do?
2 How much of your rubbish do you recycle? Could you recycle more? Why?/Why not?

3 Read the blog post 'Big Cleanup' and answer the questions (1–4).

Big Cleanup

There's a park near our school that nobody used to look after. Then, the neighbourhood stopped caring, too. Somebody was too lazy to take their rubbish to the bins, and they dumped it under the trees. Then others followed. The park became a smelly rubbish dump. People complained to the council, but they did nothing.

Some of us in Year 11 decided to take action. We organized the 'Big Cleanup'. Around 20 of us came with tools and rubbish bags. We worked all day to clear all the rubbish. The local paper wrote an article about us. Now the council has started putting the park in order!

Is there something you could do in your neighbourhood? Get started!

1 Why did people start dumping rubbish in the park?
2 What did the local council do about it?
3 What did the students do?
4 What happened as a result?

4 Work in pairs. Read the exam task in exercise 5, and the sample answer below. Discuss the questions (1–4).

1 Has the student included all the information required in the exam task?
2 Is all the content relevant to the exam task?
3 Is the student's blog post divided into logical paragraphs?
4 Are there any grammar, vocabulary or spelling mistakes?

I'm in Brighton and I have a great time: swimming, lying on the beach ...

The family which I'm staying with took part in the Litter Day. It's a day for people to pick up litter on the beach.

You probably want to know why they organized it. Well, everywhere is litter and it is bad for animals and fish. Also it takes hundreds of years to die. For example, glass takes one million years to die! I don't think people know this. So we bought plastic bags and gloves. The event was great. We found tons of rubbish and we got rid of it. And we had a great time because the climate was fantastic and it was a barbecue in the evening (after it everybody cleaned up after themselves). If such an event will be in the future, I will definitely come! You can help the environment and ... you might find a real treasure on the beach!

5 EXAM TASK **Do the exam task.**

You have read the blog post 'Big Cleanup' and have decided to write a response. Write a blog post in which you:

- say what you think about the action,
- describe a similar experience you've had or heard about,
- explain what environmental issues affect your neighbourhood.

Write a blog post of at least 100 words. Start your post in an appropriate way.

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6 Check your work.

- ☐ Have you written about all three points in the task?
- ☐ Have you used appropriate phrases for your blog post?
- ☐ Have you written at least 100 words?
- ☐ Have you checked your work for grammar, vocabulary and spelling mistakes?