

## Aim High 5      Listening Test 9

### **[3.21] Listen to part of a talk about waste.**

#### **1 Tick the five topics that the speaker mentions.**

- a) the amount of waste we produce each year \_\_\_\_
- b) the different amounts of waste that different countries produce \_\_\_\_
- c) items that don't break down easily in landfill \_\_\_\_
- d) toxic waste from landfill \_\_\_\_
- e) the amount of packaging businesses use \_\_\_\_
- f) electrical waste \_\_\_\_
- g) making compost from waste fruit and vegetables \_\_\_\_
- h) the cost of recycling \_\_\_\_

#### **2 Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 According to the speaker, ...
  - a) we need to change our attitude towards buying things and throwing them away.
  - b) people will always buy things and throw them away.
  - c) we shouldn't throw anything away.
- 2 According to the speaker ...
  - a) we started putting our waste into landfill 200 years ago.
  - b) some products take 200 years to break down in landfill.
  - c) there isn't enough space for landfill for the next 200 years.
- 3 The speaker believes that governments should ...
  - a) order people to recycle more.
  - b) use money from taxes to pay for recycling.
  - c) make sure that people are aware of what things they can recycle.
- 4 According to the speaker, businesses should ...
  - a) reduce the cost of their products.
  - b) use packaging materials that are recycled or recyclable.
  - c) encourage customers to recycle the packaging on their products.
- 5 The speaker thinks that individuals ...
  - a) should ask whether they really need something before they buy it.
  - b) should only buy products with packaging that can be recycled.
  - c) can't do anything to solve the problem.

#### **3 Answer the questions.**

- 1 How much waste does the average household in the UK produce each year?
- 2 How much waste does the average person in the UK produce each year?
- 3 What percentage of UK waste goes into landfill?
- 4 How much of the price of a product is for the packaging?
- 5 What percentage of the waste in an average dustbin could be made into compost?

**4 Answer the questions. Use full sentences.**

- 1 What problem will our children and grandchildren face, according to the speaker?
- 2 What incentives does the speaker suggest that governments could offer?
- 3 What should companies encourage customers to do with their old TVs and fridges?
- 4 What does the speaker say that individuals should do with their old fruit and vegetables?
- 5 What two advantages of composting does the speaker mention?