

1. Litter

This week's lesson is based on a dialogue featuring differing views on the subject of litter.

Level

Intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students if they consider their local area clean, and more specifically if they think there is much litter. Should litter be considered a serious problem? Why do they think people drop litter? How often have they themselves done so? Do they think there are some places or circumstances in which dropping litter is admissible, and if so, what are they?
2. Give your students between five and ten minutes to read through Worksheet A, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Note that a few of the words that might be new are not in the glossary because they form part of Exercise 1.
3. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B, then divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together. In Exercise 1 they have to find the words to match the definitions and in Exercise 2 they must answer the true/false/doesn't say questions.
4. Check answers in open class.
5. Keeping the students in their pairs, and reminding them not to look at Worksheet A, ask them to attempt Exercise 3 on Worksheet C, which contains the text from Worksheet A with twenty incorrect words that they have to identify and correct. The words containing the mistakes are all in bold, as are five other words that are correct. Point out that the mistakes are all grammatical or lexical, and that no correction requires them to write more than one additional word.

Answers:

Exercise 1 (definitions)

1. to be in someone else's shoes 2. deliberately 3. council 4. chill out
5. wrapper 6. fine 7. blame 8. spoil 9. chuck 10. packaging

Exercise 2 (true/false/doesn't say)

1. D 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. F 6. T 7. D 8. D

Exercise 3

2. this 3. cans 4. sweet 5. crisp 7. disgusting 8. out 9. end
11. lack 13. high 14. horse 15. provide 16. with 17. joking 18. deliberately
19. there'd 20. less 21. out of work 22. unemployment 24. up 25. bet

Words in bold that are correct: 1. centre 6. on 10. attitudes
12. public 23. easier

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7931738.stm>

A BBC article (March 2009) on a report calling for more fines to deter those responsible for litter in Britain. Challenging for intermediate level.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1538758/Litter-louts-shamed-on-internet.html>

An article from the *Daily Telegraph* (2007) on the decision by a couple of local councils in Britain to shame 'litter louts' by photographing them and posting their pictures on the internet. Challenging for intermediate level.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7067946.stm

A BBC article (2007) on a law against litter and pollution passed in the Himalayan country of Bhutan. Challenging for intermediate level.