



151. Waste and recycling

W: Today we'll talk about waste and recycling. Do any of you have some facts to share with the class?

Sarah: Yes! I know that the British are the worst in the world for waste, throwing out more than thirty percent of the food they buy and grow each year. It is estimated that the wasted food in Britain is worth between eight billion pounds and sixteen billion pounds a year.

W: Thank you for these figures Sarah. It's true, actually some seventeen million tonnes of food is sent to British landfill sites each year.

Sarah: That's scary but not surprising, knowing that thousands of London offices dump millions of plastic cups every year. However, some are now being turned into pencils, and awareness is rising about recycling.

W: Well, this is a first step in a throw-away society, but one of the important things about recycled products is that there is no point in making them unless people buy them. What would be according to you, a good way to encourage people recycling?

Sarah: A school is a very easy place to make people more aware of recycling because the pupils take that message home.

W: Exactly Sarah. So are you guys prepared to declare war on waste to save the world?

GLOSSARY:

Waste and recycling: gaspillage et recyclage	Pencils : des crayons
To share : partager	A first step : un premier pas
To throw out : jeter	A throw-away society : une société de gaspillage
To grow : produire, faire pousser	Recycled products : les produits recyclés
To be worth : valoir, représenter	A good way: une bonne façon
To dump: jeter, se débarrasser de	A school : une école
To turn into : transformer	The pupils : les élèves
To rise : monter, se lever	Guys: les gars, les gens
To encourage: encourager	War: la guerre
To take : prendre, ici emmener	Actually: en fait
To declare: déclarer	However: cependant, ceci dit
To save: sauver	There is no point: cela ne sert à rien
Facts: des faits	Unless: à moins que
The class: la classe	According to you: selon vous
The British: les britanniques	
The worst in the world: les pires du monde	
The food: la nourriture	
The wasted food: la nourriture gaspillée	
Eight billion pounds: huit milliards de Livres	
Figures : des chiffres	
Tonnes : des tonnes	
Landfill sites : déchetteries, sites d'enfouissement	
Offices : des bureaux	
Plastic cups : des gobelets en plastique	