

9 Vocabulary 2 Green business trends

A Replace the words and phrases in bold with the correct form of these words and phrases.

biodegradable carbon emissions catch on competitive consumer demand energy companies
fossil fuels investors natural resource refillable bottles renewable energy switching upward trend

- 1 Globally, more than a million plastic bottles are sold every minute. By switching to **packaging we can reuse** _____, we could reduce the amount of plastic waste significantly.
- 2 Some good examples of plastic alternatives are paper and bamboo. Both materials are **able to decay naturally** _____. The trend of using alternative packaging is **becoming popular** _____ and many companies are now changing the materials they use to wrap their goods.
- 3 The most common type of **energy that can be used again** _____ in the world is hydropower, followed by wind and solar energy.
- 4 The **increased shift** _____ in hybrid and electric vehicles has led to an increased demand for lithium, which is a **material existing in nature** _____, used to make batteries.
- 5 The use of too many **fuels formed underground** _____ such as coal, gas and oil are producing dangerous levels of **greenhouse gases** _____. In 2021, these reached an all-time high.
- 6 With many big **businesses that provide power** _____ now **moving** _____ to renewable resources, it is expected that we will start to emit fewer greenhouse gases, which contribute towards global warming.
- 7 There is a growing **need for goods and services** _____ for products made with sustainable materials and there is now an annual awards ceremony for those with the most innovative alternatives. The prize is financial backing from **people that put money into something to make a profit** _____.
- 8 Many **wanting to be more successful than others** _____ entrepreneurs are now working towards finding alternative and sustainable methods of travelling. They are aiming to be the first, and the most successful, by inventing electronic boats, planes and even jetpacks!

B Compare your answers with a partner. Were any of the statements surprising? Why? / Why not?

C Work in pairs. What can people do to be greener? Make a list of your ideas. Then compare your list with another pair.

Recycle waste where possible, buy products made with alternative packaging, e.g. bamboo or paper ...

A Complete the conversations with the correct form of these expressions.

take into account take over take time take up

- 1 A: I'm so sorry I'm taking so long to get ready. My morning got ¹ _____ by that meeting which ran late, which meant I didn't have time to pack my bag!
- B: Don't worry, ² _____. We still have over an hour to get to the station which is only a twenty-minute drive away.
- A: Thanks for understanding, which is more than I can say for my manager. He doesn't seem to ³ _____ the fact that some people have things to do other than sit in meetings all day! Anyway, I've let work ⁴ _____ enough already today, so don't let me speak about it again, please!

take my word for it take over take time take up

- 2 A: Are you *sure* you booked the tickets for the 6 p.m. show and not the later one?
- B: Look, you've asked me that five times! You're just going to have to ¹ _____.
- A: That's easy to say. It wouldn't be the first time you booked the wrong thing without realizing. Remember that time you booked that trip to the museum and we ended up on that guided tour that ² _____ our whole day in Rome – the only day we had there, as well!
- B: Well, I'm glad we did that tour even if you're not. We got to ³ _____ actually getting to see things in the museum rather than rushing around trying to see everything outside in one day in the cold and rain, which wouldn't have been enjoyable.
- A: I guess you're right. Anyway, I'm happy to ⁴ _____ the job of booking things in future if you want me to.

B Choose three of the prompts. Make notes about your own experience.

Think about a time when:

- your time was taken up by something unexpected.
- you took your time doing something.
- someone didn't take your word about something you said.
- you forgot to take into account someone else's wants, needs or feelings.
- you took over a situation that required someone to take charge.

C Share your stories with a partner. Ask questions to find out further information.

A Read the fashion reviews. Underline the words and expressions that can be removed or replaced without changing the meaning of the text. Write the replacement words where necessary.

1

The Spring Collection review

I absolutely adored the overall look the designer had gone for, which was smart casual, with outfits splashed with prints, sketches and dried, brightly coloured flowers. This collection, which was designed to evoke emotions and memories of our childhood, did just that. I remember the first model showing the bold colours and textures of the first dress to a standing ovation and I knew the crowd would love the rest of the collection just as much.

Was there something for every taste? Oh yes, there was something for everyone. Even I, who prefers less well-known brands, found myself wondering when I could get my hands on the cotton checked shirts and flattering striped trousers.

After the show, the designer asked me if I had felt the nostalgia he aimed to achieve, and I was so pleased to tell him that indeed yes, I had felt that nostalgia he aimed to achieve. I asked him whether his collection had been inspired by his own childhood and he told me he thought it had been inspired by his own childhood; bright, colourful and full of hope.

2

A disappointing comeback?

Some people love fashion which is designed to bring back a past trend. Have you still got your same wardrobe and outfits from when you were fifteen? I hope you do have your wardrobe from when you were fifteen! I definitely do have my old wardrobe. You heard it here first. Your 'old school clothes' are coming back in fashion ... just wait!

I recently went to a fashion show, and I couldn't believe that most of the 'throwback' 1990s and early 2000s classics were back on the runway. Were there lots of different shades of denim? Oh yes, there were lots of shades of denim. Were there sunglasses with

coloured lenses and will these be making a comeback? Personally, I hope these are *not* making a comeback!

According to experts, fashion trends repeat. The average time that it takes for a trend to come back is around twenty–thirty years, so you should keep hold of your old favourites, as in a few years' time they'll likely be back in fashion.

Your 'old school clothes' are coming back in fashion ... just wait!

I was excited to see that some of my favourite 'trendy' clothes from my youth were back, but do I think I'll be wearing clothes which I've definitely grown out of, physically and mentally? I don't think I will be wearing these clothes. Next trend, please!

B Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 What fashion trends can you remember from the past? Which did you like/dislike?
- 2 What do you think about trends coming back after twenty years? Would you wear the same clothes you had when you were younger?
- 3 Do you think the colour or style of what you wear is inspired by the weather or season?
- 4 Do you have any clothes that evoke memories?

C Write your own short blog post about something you used to like, used to have or used to do when you were younger. Explain how your tastes have stayed the same or changed since then. Use ellipsis and substitution where possible.

9 Vocabulary 1 Fashion

1 Complete the questionnaire with the correct form of these words and phrases.

be back in fashion dress code (x2) flattering formal (x2) glamorous outfit (x2)
practical scruffy see better days smart casual trendy unconventional

You and your clothes ...

- 1 Have you ever been invited to an event with a _____? Was it a _____ occasion?

- 2 Are there any trends or _____ from the past that you'd like to _____ in the future?

- 3 Do you think some colours or patterns are more _____ on you than others? Which ones?

- 4 What would be your go-to _____, if you were told to dress for a _____ event with an important guest list?

- 5 Would you consider yourself a _____ person who likes to keep up with the latest fashions, or do you have more of an individual style?

- 6 Do you own any clothes that have _____ and are not in the best condition?

- 7 Do you prefer to wear _____ clothing that's comfortable, or to wear _____ clothing and feel well-dressed?

- 8 Do you tend to throw things out as soon as they start to look worn and _____?

- 9 Do you own any _____ clothing that is unique in style or colour?

- 10 Would you prefer to have a _____ for school or work, or to wear _____ clothes you can choose?

B Write your own answers to the questions and explain your ideas.

C Work in small groups. Take turns to ask and answer the questions. Would you say you are all quite similar in your fashion choices or quite different? Why?

9 Focus on ... Expressing change and trends

A Write a word to replace the words and phrases in bold.

- 1 As electric car companies are **making** their technology **better**, the batteries can last longer, and cars can travel further. _____
- 2 As the issue with plastic pollution **gets** worse, many businesses are now switching to alternative, biodegradable materials. _____
- 3 In recent years, there has been a **fast increase** in the number of forest fires worldwide. _____
- 4 One tech giant is aiming to **alter** the way data centres are powered by using only renewable energy sources. _____
- 5 As more waste is **being** thrown away year on year, a well-known brand is **going to develop** all their clothes with recycled materials from now on. _____
- 6 Many supermarkets are **changing** the way they sell fruit and vegetables by only having them sold loose and without plastic packaging. _____
- 7 The **drop** in the number of tourists has led to a **fast drop** in the emission of greenhouse gases. _____



B Write three of your own sentences about changes and trends using the prompts or your own ideas. Share your sentences with a partner.

- I've noticed a sharp rise in ...
- As global temperatures get hotter ...
- There has recently been an increase / a decrease in ...
- People need to adapt to ...

C Work in pairs. Discuss the questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you think the improvement of the battery-life of electric cars will make them become more popular? Why? / Why not?
- 2 What changes have you seen in the use of plastics among your family and friends, if any?
- 3 Is renewable energy common, or becoming more common in your country (e.g. wind farms and solar panels)?
- 4 Do you own any items which are made of recycled materials? Do you think more products will be made from recyclable materials in the future? Why? / Why not?

A Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the future in the past.

A: How was your trip, Sandie?

B: Well, you won't believe what happened ... one thing after another! So, we were waiting for the taxi to arrive, which ¹_____ to take us to the airport, when the taxi company rang to say they ²_____ with us thirty minutes late due to traffic. I was furious, but I couldn't do anything!

A: It's just one of those things, you're right. Then what happened?

B: Well, you know me, the delay got my mind racing, thinking that after the trip starting like this, everything ³_____ go wrong. We'd been planning and saving for this trip for well over a year after all, so I wanted everything to go smoothly.

A: Of course. Was it South Africa you ⁴_____, to see your daughter?

B: Yes! Well remembered. Anyway ... we ⁵_____ arrive at the airport three hours before our flight so that we could check in our bags and go through security. We ⁶_____ there until nine and luckily the roads were clear on the way, so the taxi actually got us to the airport a bit early.

A: I bet you didn't think that ⁷_____ happen!

B: When we went in the terminal, we looked at the screens and saw the flight ⁸_____ take off on time – great. Then, we went to the check-in desk. Here's where things went *completely* wrong. As we ⁹_____ put our suitcases on the scales to be weighed, I looked at the check-in assistant. She had a strange look on her face. I asked her what was wrong, and she told me that our flight was yesterday.

A: What do you mean?

B: Well, I told her there was ¹⁰_____ a mistake. Our tickets clearly said our flight was Saturday August 15th. She agreed and said the flight was Saturday August 15th, but that we ¹¹_____ have read the time of the flight wrong. The flight time was 00:25, meaning we ¹²_____ need to get to the airport on the 14th of August, rather than today – the 15th.

A: Oh no! So, because the flight was just after midnight, that meant you ¹³_____ at the airport that day, but the day before!

B: Exactly. So, turns out we'd missed that flight and we had to book on the next flight to South Africa!

A: I'm so sorry. What a disaster!

B: Yes, but it's OK. As I said, I felt that something ¹⁴_____ go wrong from the minute the taxi was late. I just didn't consider *how* wrong it might go!

B Compare your answers with a partner.**C** Write a paragraph about a time you made plans for the future. Choose from one of the options then share your story in small groups.

- A time when something didn't go according to plan
- A time you had spent a long time planning something
- A time when a plan turned out better than you thought it would
- A time when a plan got delayed or postponed

A Complete the statements with the correct word or phrase.

ahead of schedule at the last minute elapsed perception slow motion swiftly
tedious the passage of time (x2)

- 1 Our _____ of one day being 24 hours is actually incorrect. A day is 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.1 seconds.
- 2 There's a building in Barcelona, Spain which has taken 144 years to construct, and is still being built. It was due to be finished in 2026, however, construction is now _____, and works will be completed sooner than expected.
- 3 Research suggests that we get an adrenaline rush when we do things that we haven't planned or prepared for, spontaneously and _____.
- 4 Time passes more _____ the younger you are, according to a new study. This is because the rate at which you process new information is quicker, so it makes time feel as though it is passing by much faster.
- 5 _____ is different for dogs than it is for humans. Dogs perceive human movements to be in _____; 25% slower than they are, to be precise.
- 6 Psychologists have determined that when you find something boring or _____, you're much more likely to blink more.
- 7 At the top of Mount Everest, the process by which time passes – also known as _____ – is longer than at sea level.
- 8 If you spent a day on the planet Mercury then came back, five years in Earth time would have _____.

B Work in pairs. Which of the statements do you think are true and which do you think are false? Discuss the reasons for your answers. When you finish, check your predictions at the bottom of the page.

C Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- I usually do things at the last minute when _____.
- When I find something tedious, I tend to _____.
- It's useful to watch / see things in slow motion when _____.
- I prefer to be ahead of schedule if _____.
- I notice the passage of time the most when _____.

1 True. This is how long it takes the Earth to turn once on its axis. 'A day' as we perceive it is actually the amount of time it takes for the sun to move through the sky and return to its same point, also known as 'a solar day'. 2 True – the Sagrada Família is due to be completed in 2026. 3 True 4 False. The study says that time passes more swiftly the older you are, as your processing ability slows down which makes time seem faster. 5 True 6 True 7 False. The passage of time is shorter. A year would be fifteen microseconds shorter. This is because the closer you get to Earth, the slower time becomes and gravity is weaker the higher up you are. 8 False. Two years would have elapsed. It takes about 59 Earth days for Mercury to go round once, which means one Earth day is equal to 59 days on Mercury.

ANSWER KEY

A Complete the conversations with the correct form of these words and phrases.

for the time being in no time only a matter of time take things one at a time time-consuming

- 1 A: I'm really not happy with the course I'm taking at university, Mum. It's ¹_____ and I don't have enough time to have a life outside of studying.
- B: Well, I knew when you chose that course that it was ²_____ before you said that. I knew you wouldn't enjoy it. But, ³_____, I think you're going to have to put up with it, ⁴_____ and see how you feel as each day comes. You're so close to the end of term, so just wait until then and you can reassess your options. The holidays will come around ⁵_____.

in no time it's about time long-time make up for lost time

- 2 A: I can't believe you came and visited me! ¹_____ – it's been so long! It must have been more than six months since you last stopped by.
- B: I know – I'm sorry, I've just been so busy.
- A: Don't worry, I'm not angry! ²_____ friends don't need to meet or speak every day to know that we're always there for each other when we need something.
- B: You're right, and that's why I love our friendship so much! Anyway, I'm here for the whole weekend, so we've got plenty of time to catch up properly and ³_____. You need to tell me all about your new job!
- A: Well, I'm finding it hard to get used to being part of such a large team, but I'm sure I'll get used to it ⁴_____.
- B: I'm sure you will. Being adaptable is one of your strengths.

B Choose one of the topics and write a short paragraph about your own experience. It can be a true story or made up.

- A situation when you had to put up with something for the time being
- How you met a long-time friend
- A time when you had to take things one at a time to improve in something
- A time when you had to make up for lost time with someone
- A project you were a part of that was time-consuming

C Share your stories in pairs.