CLOZE EVALUATION QUESTIONS

REDUCING, REUSING, RECYCLING: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

NAME

DIRECTIONS: Select the answer from the four choices given by circling the correct letter.

1. A growing problem for all Americans is what to do with our garbage. We must try to protect our _ from being polluted by garbage. We need clean air to breathe and pure water to drink. What can we do? Let's find out!

2. A family of four throws away about 5200 pounds of garbage a year. This large amount of _ is made up of newspaper, glass, plastic, and aluminum containers. We must cut down on this huge amount of garbage, if we are going to protect our environment for future generations.

3. As we continue to add more garbage to our landfills, our problems continue to grow. However, some garbage such as food waste and paper will break down or _ naturally. Other waste such as metal, and especially plastic, may take thousands of years to break apart.

4. We depend upon nature to supply us with the raw materials to make the things we use every day. These _ such as trees for making paper, and oil for heating and for producing plastic products, are limited. We must conserve them for future use.

5. These products of nature are limited. Resources such as coal and oil are _, which means that when they are gone nature can not make them again. It is very important to limit their use and try to find other resources to replace'them.

6. Today all garbage must be properly disposed of. In each community it must be placed in a _ where it can be sorted, buried, and sometimes burned. There are strict laws that control the types of garbage that can be dumped here.

7. There are three important ways in which we can deal with the garbage problem. First, we must try to _ or cut down on the amount of plastics and glass containers we use. Paper products and fewer throw-away packaging materials must be used instead.

8. A second important step is to use things we have in different ways. If we _ materials such as plastic and glass containers they will not fill up the landfills so quickly. Another way to reduce the amount of garbage is to repair broken things rather than throw them out.

9. The third step is to take waste materials like newspaper and glass and use them again. If we _ them they are collected and sent to plants that will turn them into new products. This will also reduce the size of landfills.

10. There is one more way to deal with our growing garbage problem. Leaves and grass clippings can be _ or placed in a pile in the backyard. They will break down into soil and not have to be collected and take up space in our landfills.

1. (A) land
   (B) water
   (C) air
   (D) environment

   D

2. (A) items
   (B) objects
   (C) solid waste
   (D) collectibles

   C

3. (A) fracture
   (B) fall apart
   (C) separate
   (D) decompose

   D

4. (A) natural resources
   (B) minerals
   (C) sources
   (D) materials

   A

5. (A) nonrenewable
   (B) replaceable
   (C) usable
   (D) unlimited

   A

6. (A) sanitary landfill
   (B)heap
   (C) pile
   (D) container

   A

7. (A) replace
   (B) reduce
   (C) reuse
   (D) recycle

   B

8. (A) remove
   (B) reduce
   (C) reuse
   (D) recycle

   C

9. (A) remove
   (B) reduce
   (C) reuse
   (D) recycle

   D

10. (A) composted
    (B) separated
    (C) processed
    (D) crushed

    A

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