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Level 1

Slippery ketchup bottle helps zero-waste economy

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Has getting ketchup out the bottle made you angry? Have you ever squeezed the toothpaste tube hard to get the last bit out? Have you spent too long getting jam out of the jar? You may be happy to know there is an answer to these problems. Scientists have made a very slippery surface to put inside bottles, tubes, jars and tins, etc. Things like glue, paint and cosmetics will slide out of the container like water. The container will be empty and you will be richer.

Scientists from the company LiquiGlide made the surface to cut waste and save money. Millions of litres of ketchup, sauces, paint, gels and creams stick to the sides of containers and are thrown away. The new surface can greatly reduce waste and be a big part of the zero-waste economy. LiquiGlide said the surface changes the way liquids move, like the wheel changed transport. It wants to "revolutionize packaging," reduce waste, and improve the world.

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<http://liquiglide.com/about-us/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1702/170223-zero-waste-economy-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. getting ketchup out the bottle | a. and cosmetics |
| 2. squeezed the toothpaste | b. too long |
| 3. get the last | c. be empty |
| 4. you spent | d. tube hard |
| 5. there is an answer | e. like water |
| 6. Things like glue, paint | f. made you angry |
| 7. slide out of the container | g. to these problems |
| 8. The container will | h. bit out |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. cut waste and | a. and creams |
| 2. Millions of litres | b. world |
| 3. sauces, paint, gels | c. liquids move |
| 4. stick | d. of ketchup |
| 5. a big part of the zero- | e. packaging |
| 6. changes the way | f. waste economy |
| 7. It wants to revolutionize | g. save money |
| 8. improve the | h. to the sides |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Has getting ketchup (1) _____ made you angry? Have you ever squeezed the toothpaste tube hard to (2) _____ get the last bit out? Have you spent too long getting jam out of the jar? You may be (3) _____ there is an answer to these problems. Scientists have made a very slippery surface (4) _____ bottles, tubes, jars and tins, etc. Things like glue, paint and cosmetics (5) _____ of the container like water. The container will (6) _____ you will be richer.

Scientists from the company LiquiGlide (7) _____ to cut waste and save money. Millions of litres of ketchup, sauces, paint, gels and creams (8) _____ sides of containers and (9) _____. The new surface can greatly reduce waste and (10) _____ of the zero-waste economy. LiquiGlide said the surface changes the way liquids move, (11) _____ changed transport. It wants to "revolutionize packaging," reduce waste, and (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ZERO WASTE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1702/170223-zero-waste-economy-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about zero waste in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

