

## Listening (Script)

**Task 1. Listen to four teenagers talking about recycling. Match each person with the best summary of their opinion. There is one summary that you do not need.**

**Ava** I think it's important to recycle as much as you can because it saves energy – and it saves natural resources too. For example, if we all recycled paper and cardboard, then they wouldn't need to cut down as many trees. So I always put paper in the recycling bin, not in the dustbin. I try to recycle glass too, but that's more difficult – there aren't so many recycling bins for glass. In my view, you don't have to recycle everything – a little is better than nothing.

**James** I'm pretty good about recycling, really – paper, glass, plastic. I make sure I don't throw any of those materials in the dustbin. But some people don't really care about it – the rest of my family, for example! The worst is my dad. He never puts stuff in the recycling bin, even if there's one right next to him. I keep telling him to do it and he says, 'Yeah, right, I will' – but then next time, he doesn't. He says he can't get used to it/ If you ask me, he's just lazy.

**Charlotte** You see a lot of signs about recycling. And some people talk about it all the time – recycle this, don't waste that. It gets so boring! To be honest, I don't pay much attention/ I'm not going to carry an empty drinks can with me all day just so that I can put it in a recycling bin. The way I see it, life's too short to worry about recycling. There are plenty of other things to worry about.

**Archie** We've got a system at home. We put paper in one box, glass in another box and plastic in another. Since we started doing that, we don't even fill up the dustbin during the week. It's made a real difference – we're producing much less rubbish, and that's good for the environment. The thing is, we live on a crowded planet – more than six billion people! We have to think about the rubbish we produce or there just won't be anywhere to put it all.

**Task 2. You will hear a radio documentary about polar bears. Decide if the sentence (1-7) are true (T) or false (F).**

Although polar bears can be dangerous, it is polar bears that are in danger. Their icy world is melting and these beautiful animals are now an endangered species.

Polar bears live in the Arctic, one of the coldest places on Earth. The temperature there is often below 55 degrees Celsius and the winds blow at an average speed of 30 miles an hour! Polar bears are found in parts of Alaska, Canada, Russia, Norway and Greenland. They live on the ice that covers the Arctic. This is sea-ice rather than fresh-water ice. The bears live on the edge of the ice, near the water, where they can find food. They cannot live anywhere else.

Polar bears are the most dangerous animals in the Arctic. They mainly hunt seals, but they also eat fish, seabirds and even whales, when they can. Their only enemies

are humans, who hunt and kill them. But humans are now threatening polar bears in a different way. Climate change is now the biggest threat to the lives of polar bears.

As the Earth becomes warmer, the temperature of the sea rises. This causes more and more of the Arctic ice to melt each summer. Arctic sea has decreased since the early 1970s. As the ice disappears, so do the animals that the polar bears hunt and eat. And food isn't the only problem. Polar bears are used to swimming between the areas of ice are much bigger. Polar bears are strong swimmers, but they now dying in the sea, because they cannot swim the increased distances.

On 14 May 2008, polar bears were declared an endangered species. There are only around 20-25.000 polar bears remaining around the North Pole. If we don't act soon to prevent more of the ice from melting, these amazing animals may become extinct within a few decades.