

Do you think **nuclear energy** now has a good image?

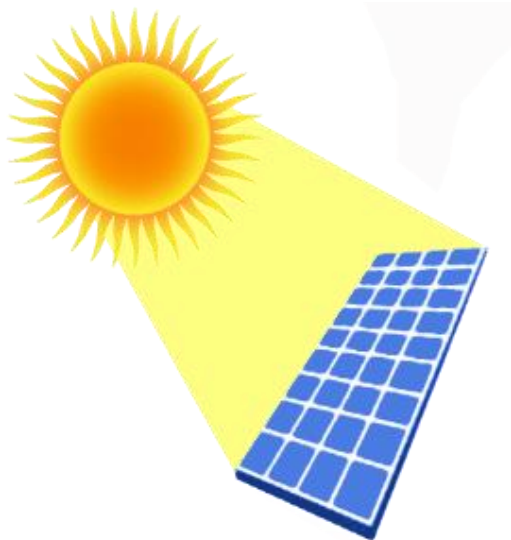
How does **solar energy** work?

Do you think cars will run from **solar energy** one day?

What are some of the main sources of **air pollution**?

How does **air pollution** affect human health?

What are some of the ways that individuals can reduce their own **air pollution**?



What is the main cause of **global warming**? How can we control it?

In what ways do **wind farms** help us?

What are the effects of using **organic food** on our lifestyle?

In your opinion, should we use **plastic bags** or we should get rid of them?

Does **recycling** save energy? Is it possible to **recycle** everything?

Is it possible to reuse **e-waste**? In what ways?





landfill

A place where waste is kept to be buried or recycled



toothbrush

toothpaste

2 Language in context Green products

A  Read the ads. What makes each product “green”?



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GET GREEN GOODS!

	<p>Compact fluorescent lightbulbs Regular bulbs waste too much energy, so why not use compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs)? They use less energy, and you save more money in the long term. \$20 for a pack of 3</p>		<p>Cloth shopping bag Who needs paper or plastic? Bring your own cloth bag to the grocery store or mall. This bag makes an important statement and is made of 100% organic cotton. \$5</p>
	<p>Recycled toothbrush Made from 100% recyclable plastic, each toothbrush comes with a reusable travel case. Junior toothbrushes feature endangered animals. \$20 for a pack of 6, or \$18 for a pack of 6 Junior toothbrushes</p>		<p>Steel water bottle Why should we use fewer plastic water bottles? Because too many of them end up in landfills and cause pollution. It's cool to carry your own reusable bottle. \$15</p>

B What about you? Do you own any green products? Would you buy these?

Exercise. Complete the paragraphs with the correct words.

too much

fewer

enough

less

too many

1. One hundred years ago, there were _____ cars on the road than there are today.

As a result, there was _____ air pollution, too. Hopefully, more people will buy hybrid cars in the future, and the air will become cleaner again.

2. People today buy _____ computers, TVs, and other electronics. We are making _____ e-waste, and we don't have _____ places to recycle it.

Countable nouns

- apples
- books
- stories
- belts
- child => children
- mouse => mice

- singular / plural
- is / are

Uncountable nouns

- liquids (water/milk/soda)
- cereal
- meat (beef/lamb/pork)
- pasta
- bread
- cheese

- treated as singular
- is

Countable nouns

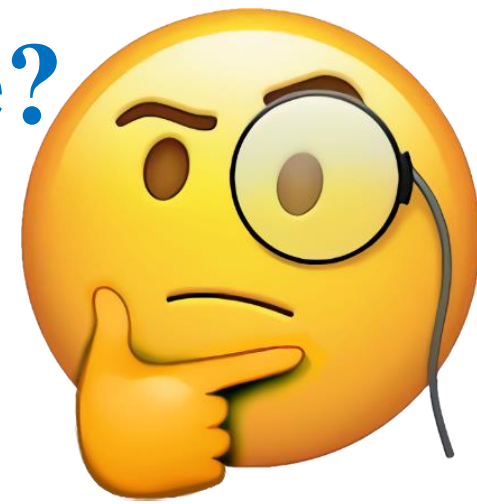
- How many **cars** do you have?
- We need **more laptops**.
- There are **enough dishes**.
- I need **fewer shoes**.
- There are **too many bottles**.

Uncountable nouns

- How much **space** is there?
- We need **more money**.
- There's **enough food**.
- We should use **less plastic**.
- There is **too much light**.

Countable or uncountable?

food | fruit | fish | meat | etc.



Talking **normally** about them → **non-count noun**

- Cereal is a food.
- That fruit I ate was really sweet.
- We have fish for dinner.
- I don't like meat for dinner.

Talking about **different types** → **count noun**

- There are many foods to choose at this restaurant.
- She sells many kinds of fruits. | Fruits are full of vitamins.
- Fishes in this ocean are in a great danger.
- Doctor prohibited him from eating meats, like beef or lamb.

Exercise. Choose the correct choice to complete each sentence.

- A:** I'd like to eat more / fewer organic food.

B: Me, too. There are too many / too much chemicals in the food we eat.
- A:** There are much / more hybrid cars on the road these days. Don't you think so?

B: I do. Less/ Fewer people are buying cars that use a lot of gas.
- A:** We have too many / don't have enough recycling bins here.

B: I agree. We need more of them.
- A:** I think this computer uses too many / too much energy.

B: My computer does, too. I need to buy one that uses less / fewer energy.
- A:** There aren't enough / much wind farms in this area.

B: That will change soon. The government just needs more / fewer time.
- A:** I think we use too many / too much plastic bags.

B: I know we do, but we always recycle them.

3 Grammar Quantifiers

Quantifiers with count nouns	Quantifiers with noncount nouns
We need more wind farms.	You can save more money with CFLs.
There aren't enough recycling bins.	People don't buy enough organic food.
There are too many bottles in landfills.	Regular lightbulbs use too much energy.
People should buy fewer plastic bottles.	People should try to use less plastic.


A Complete the opinions with quantifiers. Then compare with a partner.

- 1 "I think it's good that _____ people are buying hybrid cars. They reduce global warming."
- 2 "In my opinion there's _____ e-waste in our landfills. We need better and safer ways to recycle electronics."
- 3 "Farmers should grow _____ organic food. I prefer food without chemicals."
- 4 "Unfortunately, not _____ people use solar power. Is it because it's expensive?"
- 5 "I feel people should use _____ nuclear energy. Isn't it dangerous?"
- 6 "Some people say they don't have _____ time to recycle. That's crazy!"
- 7 "Maybe it's just me, but I think shoppers should take _____ plastic and paper bags from the supermarket. I always bring my own bags."
- 8 "_____ people throw plastic bottles in garbage cans. They should use recycling bins."

B **PAIR WORK** Do you agree with the opinions in Part A? Why or why not?

Tell your partner.

4 Pronunciation Stress in compound nouns

- A**  Listen and repeat. Notice how the first noun in compound nouns often receives stronger stress.

landfill lightbulb travel case water bottle

- B** **PAIR WORK** Practice the compound nouns. Stress the first noun.

toothbrush garbage can recycling bin wind farm

5 Speaking Our community

A PAIR WORK What environmental problems does your community have?

Complete the sentences.

- 1 There's too much _____.
- 2 There isn't enough _____.
- 3 We should have fewer _____.
- 4 There are too many _____.
- 5 There aren't enough _____.
- 6 We should use less _____.

B GROUP WORK Share your ideas with another pair. Did you identify the same problems? Which are the most important?

Four Corners

Unit 8, Lesson B



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What's your favorite food? Do you like burgers?

I like burgers, but I **like** pizza **more than** burgers.

I like burgers, but I **prefer** pizza **to** burgers.



[at a fast food restaurant]

Which one do you want? Pizza or burgers?

I like both, but I **prefer** burgers (**to** pizza).

I like both, but I'd **prefer** burgers (**to** pizza). *[polite]*

I like both, but I'd **rather have** burgers (**than** pizza).



I like both, but I **prefer having** burgers **to having** pizza.

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OK Sandy, we're going to travel to New York. How would you like to go?

I'd prefer train to plane.

I'd rather travel by train than by plane.

FOUR CORNERS



I'd prefer museum **to** zoo.

I'd rather **visit** museum **than** zoo.



I'd **prefer** coffee **to** tea in the morning.

I'd **rather** **drink** coffee **than** tea in the morning.



Would you like to eat out tonight?

I'd prefer not to eat out tonight.

I'd rather not eat out tonight.



Why did you reject my phone call?

I'd prefer not to discuss it right now.

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I prefer [to do / doing] ...

I don't prefer [to do / doing] ...

General, direct statement of preference

I'd prefer [to do] ...

I'd prefer not [to do] ...

Polite, situational, and often softer expression of preference

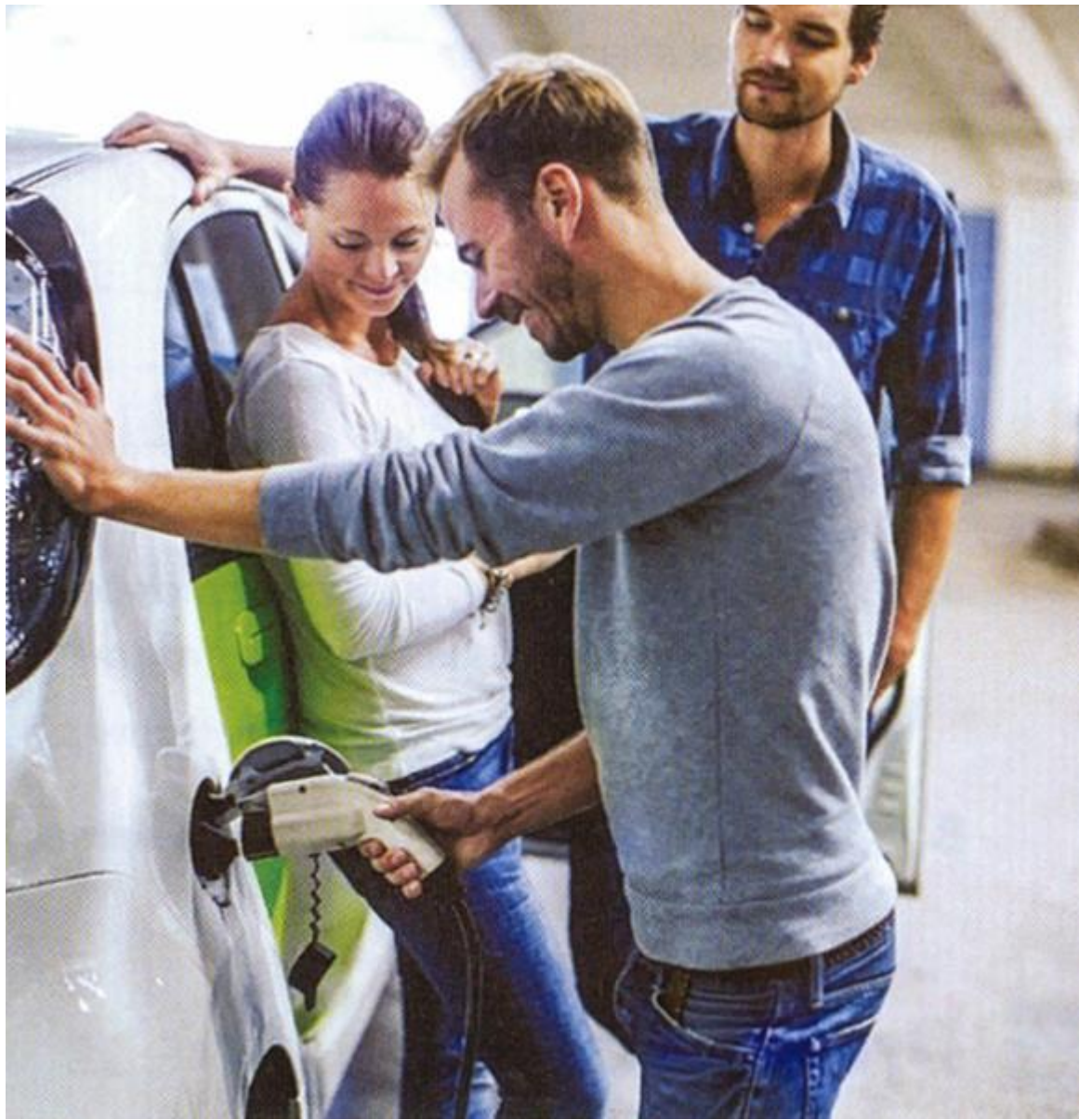
I'd rather [do] ...

I'd rather not [do]

Direct, comparative preference / More informal /
Often used in immediate or specific choices

rather than

- I'd prefer to walk **rather than** take the bus.
- She chose to study biology **rather than** chemistry.
- He decided to cook dinner **rather than** order takeout.
- I'd like to stay home **rather than** go out tonight.
- They chose to drive **rather than** fly for their vacation.
- She enjoys reading books **rather than** watching movies.
- He prefers playing soccer **rather than** basketball.
- I'd rather work on this project alone **rather than** in a group.
- We should save money **rather than** spend it on unnecessary items.



- How long has he bought the car?
- How much is the car?

1 Interactions Answering and avoiding answering

A Imagine these people are asking you questions. Are there any questions they might ask that you think are too personal and that you would not answer?

a doctor a friend a neighbor a parent a stranger a teacher

B  Listen to the conversation. What question doesn't Jim answer?

Then practice the conversation.

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Jim Hey, Carl. It's great. I'm really happy with it.

Carl It's a hybrid, isn't it?

Jim Yeah. It causes less pollution. I'm trying to do my part to help the environment, you know?

Carl That's great. How long have you had it?

Jim I've only had it for a week.

Carl Really? How many kilometers have you driven?

Jim I'd say about 150.

Carl So, how does it run?

Jim Oh, it runs very well. I'll give you a ride later if you want.

Carl OK, thanks. How much did it cost exactly?

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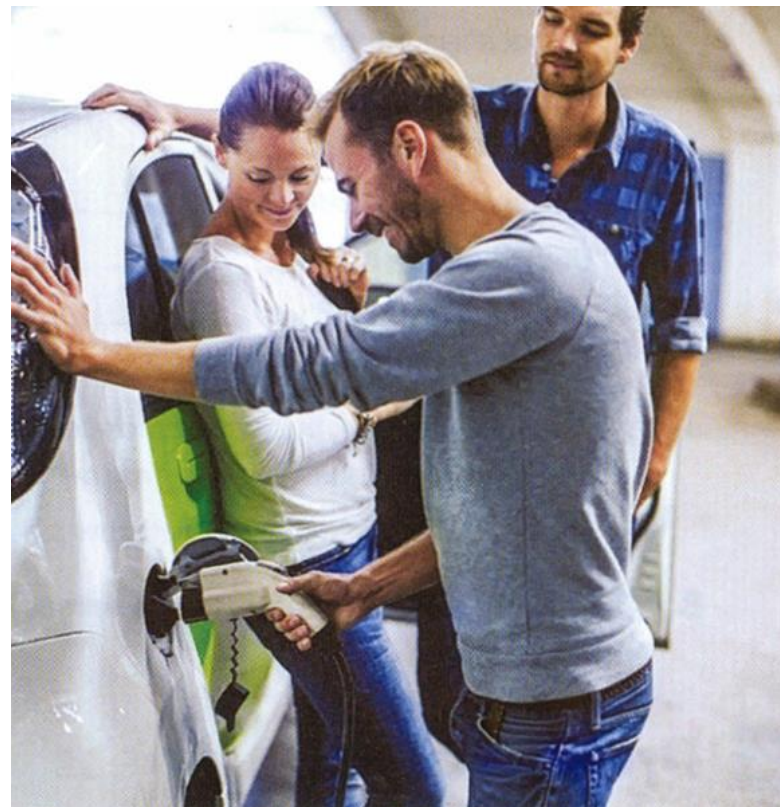
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Giving an approximate answer


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Avoiding answering

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- C**  Read the expressions below. Complete each box with a similar expression from the conversation. Then listen and check your answers.

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Probably ...

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I'd rather not answer that.

- D** Match the questions and the responses. Then practice with a partner.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 How often do you drive? _____ | a. I'd say about ten. |
| 2 How much do you drive every day? _____ | b. Probably five or six times a week. |
| 3 How many people have you given rides to? _____ | c. I'd rather not answer that. |
| 4 How much did you sell your old car for? _____ | d. I'd say about 30 minutes. |

Exercise. Complete the conversations with the correct sentences.

(A) I'd prefer not to say. But it wasn't too expensive for a good bike.

(B) Probably every week.

(C) I'd say maybe 100 kilometers.

(D) I'd rather not answer that. The grocery store near my house isn't cheap.

1. A: How many kilometers do you ride your bike every week?

B: _____

A: Wow! It's a really nice bike, too. How much did you pay for it?

B: _____

2. A: How often do you buy organic food?

B: _____

A: How much do you spend?

B: _____

2 Listening Consumer research

A  Listen to a man answer survey questions in a grocery store. Number the questions from 1 to 9 in the order you hear them.

- Have your buying habits changed in the last year? _____
- 1 How often do you walk to the grocery store? *All the time.* _____
- Do you usually ask for paper or plastic bags? _____
- How much do you spend on groceries every month? _____
- How many people are there in your household? _____
- What is the highest level of education you've completed? _____
- What do you do for a living? _____
- Do you ever shop for groceries online? _____
- How often do you buy environmentally friendly products? _____

B  Listen again. Write the man's answers.

C **PAIR WORK** Ask and answer the questions in Part A. Answer with your own information, or avoid answering.

3 Speaking Do you waste water?

A Read the survey. Are there any questions you would avoid answering, or is there any information you wouldn't share?

WATER USE SURVEY

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Education: _____

How many showers do you take in a week? _____

How long do you spend in the shower? _____

Do you ever leave the water running when you brush your teeth? _____

Do you wash dishes by hand or do you use a dishwasher? _____

When you wash dishes, do you leave the water running? _____

When you wash clothes, is the washing machine always completely full? _____

Do you flush the toilet after every use? _____

B PAIR WORK Interview your partner. Complete the survey with his or her answers. Mark an *X* if he or she avoids answering.

C PAIR WORK Compare your answers. Who uses more water? How could you use less water?

Exercise. Listen to the audio and complete the conversation.

A: Can I help you?

B: Yes. I'd like to ask you some questions about your driving (1) _____.

A: OK, sure.

B: How often do you drive your car?

A: Oh, (2) _____ about 10 or 12 times a week.

B: And how much do you spend on gas every week?

A: Hmm. I'd say maybe 40 dollars. I drive a hybrid, so it doesn't use (3) _____ gas.

B: How long have you had your hybrid?

A: (4) _____ for four years.

B: And how much did you pay for it?

A: Uh, I'd (5) _____ not answer that. I paid more than I wanted to.

1. habits

2. I'd say

3. too much

4. Probably

5. rather

