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Assignment 69

Pre-reading

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An **eco-hypocrite** is someone who never wastes an opportunity to tell the rest of us how the world is going to hell thanks to inappropriately disposed batteries and energy-sucking light bulbs, while often breaking eco-rules themselves.

Work with two or three fellow students. Ask each other to answer the question *Are you an eco-hypocrite (sometimes)?* Challenge each other's answers by asking why or why not.

Assignment 70

Language Organiser

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A
Look up the following words in an English–Dutch dictionary and write down their meanings.

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| 1 amnesty | 10 imperative |
| 2 castigation | 11 inveterate |
| 3 conciliatory | 12 to lambast |
| 4 condemnation | 13 at loggerheads |
| 5 cull | 14 pique |
| 6 to dislodge | 15 punctilious |
| 7 disobedience | 16 sanctimony |
| 8 to espouse | 17 surfeit |
| 9 illustrious | 18 to transpire |

B

Complete the sentences below using the words from A. Make sure the words fit the grammatical context.

- The UK hold an annual badger ... to prevent livestock from getting tuberculosis.
- After Johnson's election victory, the EU dropped its ... tone in the trade negotiations.
- Civil ... is punished more harshly in China than in the Netherlands.
- The Heimlich manoeuvre ... the jawbreaker from the child's oesophagus.
- The president's comments on the female politician were the target of ... from all sides.

Assignment 71

Exam Training

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A

Individually, read 'Are you an eco-hypocrite?' and answer the questions below.

- What is the function of the example mentioned in the first paragraph (ll. 1-13)? It introduces ...
 - Fishwick's double standards with an anecdote.
 - Fishwick's ecological activism with an anecdote.
 - the everyday threats to the environment with an anecdote.
 - the main subject of the article with an anecdote.
- What does Fishwick mean with 'When it ... illustrious company' (ll. 30-32)?
- Explain the 'backlash' (l. 51) in your own words.
- What is the function of the paragraph from lines 63-76? It provides examples ...
 - demonstrating Fishwick's ecological activism.
 - of Fishwick's ecological double standards.
 - of Fishwick's lack of commitment to environmentalism.
 - of the eco-compromises Fishwick makes.
- Based on what Fishwick writes, explain in your own words what is meant with the 'cult of "zerology"' (l. 92).
- Which of these statements about Roger Hallam's manifesto (l. 97) is / are true?
 - Citizens should defy their governments to make a change.
 - Opponents of Extinction Rebellion may lose their lives.
 - only A
 - only B
 - both A and B
 - neither A nor B

- According to Dr Gail Bradbrook in lines 108-131, environmentalists ...
 - should always try to push their ecological integrity even further.
 - suffer from a lot of stress because of their personal choices.
 - will be criticised for their choices, regardless of what they do.
 - with children should be given the option to slip occasionally.
- Why does Caroline Hickman mention 'body dysmorphia' (ll. 151-152) in this context?
- According to Hickman, the constant drive for perfection (l. 164) ...
 - eventually is counterproductive.
 - guarantees people to succeed in their aspirations.
 - has a paralysing effect on society.
 - threatens to overload people with guilt.
- What can be placed before 'Anna Hughes' (l. 172)?
 - Additionally,
 - Consequently,
 - In short,
 - Notwithstanding,
 - On the whole,

B

Compare your answers with those of a fellow student. In case of differences, discuss what should be the correct answer on the basis of the text.

Assignment 72

Watching

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First, read the questions below and make sure you understand them. Then watch bit.ly/wr-goinggreen and decide whether the statements below are true or false.

- Lauren Singer's zero-waste lifestyle is met by Sanjayan with enthusiasm.
- The substitution choices Lauren makes are truly simple.
- The four earths are used to demonstrate the amount of trash created by US citizens.
- A bag fee in New York City would prevent 7 billion bags per year from entering the waste stream.
- Sanjayan's home state doesn't recycle glass because it's too expensive.
- Governments are too strict on the contribution of corporations to the waste stream.
- In the US, responsibility for recycling should fall upon consumers.
- The old US glass recycling system was abolished when plastics came into large-scale production.
- The 'Keep America Beautiful' campaign was created by companies who wanted to raise public awareness about the trash problem.
- Businesses need an economic incentive to produce recyclable packaging.
- Resolving climate change predominantly requires government action.

- 12 California is an example of the high cost of carbon emission reduction.
- 13 The California economy is growing despite carbon reduction measures.
- 14 Mary Nichols of the California Air Resources Board is glad the Democratic party have always supported their initiatives.
- 15 Lauren Singer wants to teach people how to change their lifestyles.
- 16 The greatest precondition for better policies is political support.

Assignment 73

Speaking

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Together with 2-3 fellow students, discuss the following statements about both the text and the video. Ask for one another's opinions and the reasoning behind those.

- 1 What do you think of Fishwick's confiscating a straw from a friend and later using one himself? Does it change anything for you that he lectured the friend on plastic pollution?
- 2 What do you think is more important: celebrities fighting global warming by campaigning for awareness or celebrities fighting global warming by leading by example? Can it be both?
- 3 Do you, like Fishwick, think planting trees to offset CO₂ emissions helps? How would you go about that?
- 4 The article states '10% of the UK population are responsible for 50% of emissions – so the burden should fall less on the individual than the state'. Do you agree with this? And what about those 10%?
- 5 Do you think you are directing your energy towards healthy engagement with the planet and your relationship with it? How?
- 6 Do you feel the industry is producing and packaging the products you desire eco-friendly enough? Which products do best and which worst?
- 7 Do you think the Netherlands should adopt a similar approach to California in reducing the CO₂ emissions? Why (not)?

Assignment 74

Writing

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You are going to write a report on your own eco-hypocrisy. The report should be a self-assessment of the things you know you should still improve to reduce your ecological footprint – but don't for diverse reasons. Your work should be between 330 and 370 words.

A

Watch bit.ly/wr-paralinking to refresh your memory about how paragraphs in essays should be linked in order to improve the flow of an essay. Take notes on the most important points.

B

Now write the essay, paying special attention to paragraph linking.

- The self-assessment should start with a brief introduction in which you clearly state the purpose of your writing.
- After the introduction, describe which conscious decisions you take on a daily or weekly basis towards reducing your environmental impact, and why you think this is a significant contribution to the environment.
- Then discuss two or three highly frequent behaviours of yours which you know cause significant ecological damage. Describe the behaviours, explain in which way they harm the environment, and why you don't stop.
- In the next section, describe for each behaviour what would be a good alternative or change in your behaviour, and in which way this would be an improvement.
- Finally, end with a conclusion in which you, based on the evidence you have given above, determine to which extent you are an eco-hypocrite.

Assignment 75

Post-writing

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A

Exchange your work with a fellow student. Read it and underline any mistakes, failures to meet the assignment, and any paragraphs that are not linked. Finally, think of a sincere compliment on your fellow student's writing (language and style), and write it at the top of their work. Then hand it back.

B

Correct your work based on the feedback you received. Keep the compliment in mind when writing for your school exam in the final year.



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