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Level 4 – 5th December, 2022

Incorrect battery disposal causes needless fires

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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We are very dependent on batteries. These sources of energy are everywhere, in everything from cars and phones, to watches and toys. However, these sources of power can be hazardous. A U.K. environmental agency found that the disposing of batteries incorrectly causes needless fires. This has a huge financial cost for those whose property has burnt down. A fire expert said: "Everyone can do their bit...by disposing of batteries correctly."

The biggest fire-starters are lithium-ion batteries. These explode and start fires if they are crushed or get wet. People are putting these batteries into the trash. The agency said: "That causes a real problem because they...explode....They're likely to be crushed...or they might get wet." It added: "They're in the presence of other flammable material...that can lead to quite big fires." We need to be careful about the potential hazards of batteries.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-63809620>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. We are very dependent | a. be hazardous |
| 2. These sources of energy | b. correctly |
| 3. these sources of power can | c. agency |
| 4. A U.K. environmental | d. cost |
| 5. This has a huge financial | e. their bit |
| 6. for those whose property | f. on batteries |
| 7. Everyone can do | g. are everywhere |
| 8. disposing of batteries | h. has burnt down |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. These explode | a. careful |
| 2. That causes a real | b. and start fires |
| 3. They're likely | c. of batteries |
| 4. they might | d. problem |
| 5. flammable | e. big fires |
| 6. that can lead to quite | f. get wet |
| 7. We need to be | g. material |
| 8. the potential hazards | h. to be crushed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We (1) _____ on batteries. These sources of energy are everywhere, in (2) _____ and phones, to watches and toys. However, these (3) _____ can be hazardous. A U.K. environmental agency found that (4) _____ batteries incorrectly causes needless fires. This has a huge financial cost for those whose property (5) _____. A fire expert said: "Everyone can (6) _____...by disposing of batteries correctly."

The (7) _____ lithium-ion batteries. These explode and start fires if they (8) _____ get wet. People are putting these batteries (9) _____. The agency said: "That causes a real problem (10) _____. They're likely to be crushed...or they might get wet." It added: "They're in the presence of (11) _____..that can lead to quite big fires." We need to be careful about the (12) _____ batteries.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BATTERIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about batteries 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **batteries** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
