

English for SOL
Make-Up Work
October 13 – 16

1. Read the article, “U.S. city will fine people who waste food”.
2. Answer comprehension questions about the article.
3. Answer multiple-choice questions about the article.
4. Complete the editing activity (Punctuating the text and add capitals).

THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1409/140926-food-waste.html>

The U.S. city of Seattle is introducing a system to fine people who waste food. The city, in the USA's northwest, will begin issuing warnings on January the 1st and then start fining people six months later on July the 1st. People will get a \$1 fine if more than 10 per cent of their garbage is food. Businesses will get a \$50 fine. City officials want to reduce the amount of food that people and businesses waste. Americans waste around 40 per cent of the food they buy. The city hopes its new fines will bring this figure down. Seattle aims to increase the amount of waste it recycles from the current level of 56 per cent to 60 per cent. It has also become the second U.S. city to make composting compulsory.

The Seattle Public Utilities department said the new garbage disposal system should make people more aware that recycling is important. City official Tim Croll told the 'Seattle Times' newspaper that the programme would not make any money. He said: "The point isn't to raise revenue. We care more about reminding people to separate their materials." He added that he thinks the fines system will be a success and said he didn't expect to collect a lot of money in fines. It will be up to garbage collectors to decide if a house or business gets a fine. The collectors will look inside garbage bins to see how much food waste they contain. They can then add \$1 or \$50 to the next garbage bill.

Sources: http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2024604656_citycompost1xml.html
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-29336968>

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. When will Seattle start fining people?

2. How much will businesses get fined for wasting food?

3. How much of the food they buy do Americans waste?

4. What is Seattle's new target for recycling its waste?

5. How many other American cities have made composting compulsory?

6. What will make people more aware that recycling is important?

7. What did Tim Croll say is not the point of the fines system?

8. What does Tim Croll want to remind people about?

9. Who will decide which people or businesses will get fined?

10. What will the fines be added to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1. When will Seattle start fining people?
 - a) It hasn't decided
 - b) June 25th
 - c) 2016
 - d) July
2. How much will businesses get fined for wasting food?
 - a) \$500
 - b) \$50
 - c) \$5
 - d) \$5,000
3. How much of the food they buy do Americans waste?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 30%
 - d) 40%
4. What is Seattle's new target for recycling its waste?
 - a) 40%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 60%
 - d) 70%
5. How many other American cities have made composting compulsory?
 - a) 99
 - b) 27
 - c) none
 - d) one
6. What will make people more aware that recycling is important?
 - a) pink garbage collection trucks
 - b) an Internet campaign
 - c) the garbage disposal system
 - d) TV ads
7. What did Tim Croll say is not the point of the fines system?
 - a) raising revenue
 - b) clean streets
 - c) garbage
 - d) punishing people
8. What does Tim Croll want to remind people about?
 - a) healthy eating
 - b) food mountains
 - c) to separate their materials
 - d) garbage collection days
9. Who will decide which people or businesses will get fined?
 - a) special food waste agents
 - b) garbage collectors
 - c) neighbours
 - d) Seattle city officials
10. What will the fines be added to?
 - a) a garbage bill
 - b) the garbage bill
 - c) a list
 - d) a website

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