

Level 1 Functional Skills writing – practice question  
Global warming

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**Write an article for your college magazine. Give ideas to your fellow students about things they can do to reduce global warming, a major contributor to climate change.**

You could:

- include some of the ideas on the next page or your own thoughts
- make suggestions that your peers could introduce into their lifestyles
- explain why everyone must take responsibility towards reducing global warming.

**Write approximately 200 – 250 words.**

# Global warming – notes & ideas for practice question

Adapted from: <https://www.un.org/en/actnow/ten-actions>

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## How to reduce global warming.

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### Reduce, reuse, repair & recycle:

Electronics, clothes and other items we buy cause carbon emissions at each point in production, from the extraction of raw materials to manufacturing and transporting goods to market. To protect our climate:

- buy fewer things
- shop second-hand
- repair what you can
- recycle as much as possible.

### Travel:

Electric cars help reduce air pollution and cause significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions than petrol or diesel-powered vehicles. Therefore:

- use electric vehicles such as an electric taxi.
- walk, cycle or take public transport and help your health and fitness!
- for longer distances take a train, bus, car-share or meet up on-line.
- taking fewer flights one of the fastest ways to reduce your environmental impact. Aeroplanes burn large amounts of fossil fuels, producing significant greenhouse gas emissions.

### Food:

When you throw food away, you're also wasting the resources and energy that were used to grow, produce, package and transport it. In addition, when food rots in a landfill it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

- Buy less and throw less food away.
- Buy less processed food.
- Compost leftover food.
- Eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds; and less meat and dairy. This might improve your health and lower your environmental impact.

### Save energy:

- Use less heating and lower the thermostat.
- Buy LED light bulbs and energy-efficient electric appliances.
- Wash your laundry at 30 degrees and hang things out to dry instead of using a dryer, where possible.
- Support businesses that use energy from renewable sources such as wind or solar, where possible.